# Introduction

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Johnny J. Edwards
GLO Library and Museum Chairman

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Brother Claudy was called on at this time for remarks. Following the above, Mrs. Mattie S. Creed, Worthy Grand Matron, O. E. S., was introduced and made quite an address. She stated in part that:

> When the Almighty created this great universe it took Him but a few days to discover that it was not good for man alone, but it took the Masons several thousand years to arrive at the same conclusion.

We agree with the Worthy Grand Matron of South Carolina, insofar as to say, that the Almighty never made a mistake.

The Grand Master attended the Bi-centennial Observance of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at Boston, the Conference of Grand Masters and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Washington, D. C., and the dedication of the Peace Memorial at London, England.

He held a meeting of his District Deputies, at which he presented the following subjects of interest for discussion:

A. Grand Lodge Library—
   1. Its importance and necessity for education.
   2. Proposed plan for formation and maintenance.

B. Grand Lodge Masonic Museum—
   1. Purpose and scope.
   2. Suggested plan.

C. Attendance Subordinate Lodges—
   1. Membership attendance.
   2. Officers attendance.

A request was received from a group of American Masons, living in Cuba, for the privilege of forming a lodge under the Jurisdiction of South Carolina. Inasmuch as Cuba has two Grand Bodies, who exercise Jurisdiction over the entire Island, the request was denied.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a very healthy condition of the subordinate lodges, as far as finances are concerned. He reports that 267 lodges had paid their 1933 dues in full, amounting to $42,337.11 and that the total amount outstanding for dues was $1,252.39.

The Trustees of the Masonic Relief Fund reported that they

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cial integrity of the Lodge and to enhance the community relations and public image of Masonry." They have set a goal that will not be easily reached, but if we will give them their rightful support the goal will be reached and the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction will be better prepared to meet the complex problems of tomorrow.

I recommend that this committee be continued as a Grand Lodge committee and that the results of their work be used by the Lodges to improve the management of their Lodge.

## CODE COMMITTEE

At the start of this Grand Lodge year I determined that all requests for approval of revisions of Lodge By-laws would be referred to the Code committee for investigation as to their conformity to the code. The Code committee has performed a great service to the Grand Master and to the respective Lodges in their analysis of the proposed changes, and have on a number of occasions prevented revisions that would have been in conflict with the Code. They accepted and performed this added duty with the same skill and desire to serve Masonry that they have assumed the responsibilities of their regular duties as provided in the Code. They also, accepted the assignment of explaining proposed legislation to the District Deputy Grand Masters at the four Seminars held in April and May. This enabled the District Deputy Grand Masters to accurately answer questions which are invariably asked by the Craft and particularly by the Delegates to the Grand Lodge. I thank the Committee for their outstanding work.

## LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

I have, for a number of years, been concerned with the real and present need for more adequate library and museum facilities. Our library is incomplete in many respects. Our most pressing need at this time however, is for a location that will provide the proper environment for study and research. The noise and traffic through our present facilities does not provide the climate that we associate with a library and as a consequence our present facility is infrequently used.

Our museum consists of a small glass case which has on display a pitifully small collection of historical items of Masonic interest. The large collection of items that should be displayed for the pleasure and education of the Craft is stored in the basement of the Grand Lodge office gathering an ever increasing coating of dust. This condition will continue until such time as we provide suitable display facilities.

I have appointed a Grand Lodge Committee on Grand Lodge library and museum. They will have as their first responsibility the task of exploring and developing means of providing library and museum facilities commensurate with our needs.

I recommend that a continued study be made of our library and museum. I hope that through this study and the recommendation that will follow, we may develop facilities that will be a credit to our Grand Lodge and a service to the Craft.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Grand Lodge be authorized to proceed with a suitable remodeling program for the Children's Home building, to prepare the said building to house the Grand Lodge Offices, Grand Lodge Library and Grand Lodge Museum and that these Grand Lodge functions be transferred to that location.

Submitted by: JOHN J. MURCHISON, P.G.M.
Member of the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices at the request of the Grand Lodge Trustees.

Report accepted.
Resolution adopted.

## REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Report on Number III of the proposed Legislation.

Section 7-1 Annual Communications

NOW READS: Annual Communication shall be held on the second Wednesday in **June of each year,** commencing at ten o'clock A.M.

PROPOSED TO READ: Annual Communications shall be held on the second Wednesday in **November of each year,** commencing at ten o'clock A.M. **The first such meeting to be held in November 1970.**

The Jurisprudence Committee is of the opinion that the amendment is satisfactorily drafted, if it be adopted by the Grand Lodge. However, the Jurisprudence Committee expresses no opinion with respect to the proposed change.

The Jurisprudence Committee, however, recognizes that if the proposed amendment is adopted several other Sections of the Constitution and By-Laws might have to be subsequently amended.

Also, the Jurisprudence Committee assumes that such a change would possibly effect some of the work in the Grand Lodge Office.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommends that the proposed amendment be submitted to the Grand Lodge for determination by vote.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN J. MURCHISON, P.G.M., Chairman
DAVID W. PEARSON, P.G.M.
CLARENCE D. PHILLIPS, P.G.M.
ROY W. McNEAL, P.G.M.
WILBUR A. WELLBORN, P.G.M.

Report adopted.
Legislation rejected.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Section 161 Ritual

NOW READS: 1. This Grand Lodge has adopted and authorized a Ritual, as set forth in the "Secret Work" and the "Manual of the Lodge," **and any intentional deviation therefrom, by addition or omission, except as**

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| Dispensations | | 75 |
| Reimbursement of administrative expense by other funds | | 17,000 |
| | | $5,675 |

**Estimated Disbursements**

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| Annual communication | $ 9,500 | |
| Committee expense | 1,000 | |
| Grand Lodge officers expense and travel | 8,500 | |
| Printing | 5,750 | |
| Library | 200 | |
| Mimeograph | 550 | |
| Office supplies and expense | 1,000 | |
| Supplies for resale | 11,500 | |
| Relief Association dues | 275 | |
| Rent | 9,000 | |
| Salaries | 32,000 | |
| Social security | 1,200 | |
| Blue Cross | 200 | |
| State Unemployment | 350 | |
| Federal unemployment | 50 | |
| Sundry expense | 2,000 | |
| Telephone and postage | 1,800 | |
| Pensions | 6,250 | |
| Amortization of equipment | 1,000 | |
| | | 92,125 |
| **Excess of Disbursements Over Receipts** | | **$( 6,450)** |

Very Worshipful Brother John Akers, District Deputy of the Grand Master of District No. 19 in Washington was introduced and welcomed by M. W. Bro. McMinimee.

M. W. John J. Murchison, P.G.M., gave an oral report and explanation of the work of the special committee on Grand Lodge offices.

The following resolution was then presented.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICES RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Oregon owns the land and buildings at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Forest Grove, and

WHEREAS, the building constructed as a Children's Home has been substantially empty for many years, and

WHEREAS, that building cannot be effectively remodeled for use of the Home guests under present regulations, and

WHEREAS, it could be remodeled for office, library and museum occupancy at a cost of approximately $80,000.00, and

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge presently spends almost $10,000.00 per year for office rental alone, and

WHEREAS, funds for the proposed remodeling could properly be borrowed from the Home Building Fund and repaid with interest over a ten year period or less, from the present rental budget, now therefore

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Y. Richardson, who was in charge of the program, called for presentation of the colors, the Flag Salute and comments and welcome by the Mayor of Columbia City. M.W. Brother Paul W. Sorensen was then invited to lay the cornerstone.

The ritual of laying the cornerstone was then performed in a very creditable manner by the Grand Lodge Officers.

Following is the list of articles placed in the casket by the Grand Secretary:

Prayer Book of Lucinda McBride Caples

State Roster of the Oregon Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

State Proceedings of the Oregon Society, DAR

Copy of Daily Newspaper

State Roster of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

Photographs of Dr. Charles Green Caples, Mrs. Lucinda McBride Caples, Del Caples Houghton, (Donor of the Caples Home), Dr. Byron McBride Caples and Fred C. Caples.

KOHI News Cast—Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2, 1969

A very interesting oration was given by Past Grand Master M.W. Brother Warren A. McMinimee combining a patriotic theme with historical background and activities of the Caples family.

Following the Benediction by the R.W. Grand Chaplain, Virgil Rogers, the brethren returned to the Old Caples House where Grand Lodge was closed in ample form by M.W. Brother Paul W. Sorensen, Grand Master.

Approved:

PAUL W. SORENSEN,
Grand Master

Attest:

W. DEXTER ELLIOTT,
Grand Secretary

## OCCASIONAL COMMUNICATION

## DEDICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE, LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Forest Grove, Oregon, April 5th, 1970

An Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Oregon convened in the Conference Room of the new Grand Lodge Offices at 1:00 P.M. on April 5th, 1970 for the

purpose of Dedicating the Grand Lodge Office, Library and Museum.

PRESENT

Paul W. Sorensen.....M.W. Grand Master
B. Dot Dotson.....R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Martin S. Sichel.....R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Daniel H. Schulze.....R.W. Junior Grand Warden
W. Dexter Elliott.....R.W. Grand Secretary
Elvin E. Phillips.....W. Assistant Grand Secretary
Virgil A. Rogers.....R. W. Grand Chaplain
R. W. Coquillette.....W. Grand Lecturer
Edwin A. Troyer.....W. Senior Grand Deacon
George M. Leslie.....W. Grand Marshal
J. Robert Nelson.....W. Senior Grand Steward
Paul W. Goodwin.....W. Grand Standard Bearer
Milton A. Biegel.....W. Grand Pursuivant
Lloyd K. McRae, P.G.M.
Howard C. Belton, P.G.M.
John J. Murchison, P.G.M.
Wilbur A. Wellborn, P.G.M.
Milton V. Poe.....R. W. Senior Grand Warden of Washington
Roy M. Rauenhorst, D.D.G.M.....District No. 2
Don Day, D.D.G.M.....District No. 3
Malcolm R. McLeod, D.D.G.M.....District No. 7
Leo H. Sparks, D.D.G.M.....District No. 10
Frank Coumont, D.D.G.M.....District No. 13
Hubert F. Johnson, D.D.G.M.....District No. 18
Benjamin J. Davis, D.D.G.M.....District No. 23
Harry G. Sandon, D.D.G.M.....District No. 24
Kenneth W. Blenkinsop, D.D.G.M.....District No. 25
R. S. "Bob" Norton, D.D.G.M.....District No. 26
Hollis S. Smith, D.D.G.M.....District No. 27
Harry A. Myers, D.D.G.M.....District No. 28
Howard Campbell, D.D.G.M.....District No. 29
Donald J. Tweith, D.D.G.M.....District No. 32
Robert Mudrick, D.D.G.M.....District No. 33
Harold P. Pierce, D.D.G.M.....District No. 35
Douglas W. Danville, D.D.G.M.....District No. 36

In addition to the Grand Lodge Officers, John Murtaugh the architect, Millard Christal the contractor, John Christenson the foreman and others acting for the occasion there were several hundred members and visitors from throughout the state.

This Occasional Grand Lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree in the Conference Room of the Grand Lodge Office, after which the Grand Lodge Officers and members moved to the front entrance of the building where the Dedication Ceremony was performed.

The Grand Marshal made the Proclamation, which was followed by the benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star were introduced.

Most Worshipful Brother Howard C. Belton, P.G.M. then presented to the Grand Master a check for $1,000.00 from

Leonard B. Judson, a member of Pacific Lodge No. 50, to be used as desired by the Trustees.

The Grand Lodge Officers then retired to the Conference Room, where Grand Lodge in Occasional Communication was closed in ample form.

Approved:

PAUL W. SORENSEN,
Grand Master

Attest:

W. DEXTER ELLIOTT,
Grand Secretary

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# REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Oregon:

Brethren:

The Grand Secretary's Report for this 120th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon sets forth the statistics on membership and the condition and trends of the various Funds of the Grand Lodge. A complete and detailed accounting of the income and expenses for each fund, statement of assets and liabilities, lists of investments, Life Memberships issued and Fifty Year Jewels presented are included and printed as a part of this report.

The general trend shows a continued decline in membership, principally due to the losses by death. We experienced a net loss of 754 members in 1969 lowering our total membership as of December 31st to 38, 658.

A new high was the presentation of 233 Fifty Year Jewels, which also indicates the increasing average age of our membership.

The decrease in membership, with the resulting decrease in per capita payments, and the steady advance of inflation in our costs of operation are cause for a growing concern to the Craft. This is not a new trend! It was called to the attention of the Representatives of the 119th Annual Communication in the Finance Committee Report, in the Budget Committee Report and by a recommendation for action by our immediate Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Warren A. McMinimee.

This recommendation was referred to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge and they have sponsored legislation, which you will vote on at this Session. Your decision will govern the direction of future activities of the Grand Lodge.

Action of the 119th Annual Communication also authorized the moving of The Grand Lodge Headquarters to Forest Grove. This has been accomplished and the quarters were occupied and dedicated on the 5th of April. The Building Committee and all others, who worked on this project, are to be congratulated for a job well done.

The office is getting better organized and we hope that before long everything will be found in its correct place so that the Lodges and Members of this Grand Jurisdiction will receive the best possible service. During this period of readjustment we have not always been able to keep current on our work, we hope that those, who have been inconvenienced, will forgive us. With our larger and better quarters and with the help of some more modern equipment we expect to better serve the Craft in Oregon.

The Grand Lodge Library is now established in the new quarters with attractive new shelving. Brother James F. Justice, Chairman of the Library Committee, has worked hard arranging the Library and indexing and labeling the books. He and his Committee are to be commended for their untiring efforts.

Space is now available for a Museum and it is expected that a Committee will soon begin work on this project.

In another step to upgrade the Grand Lodge records the Trustees authorized the taking of a physical inventory of all Grand Lodge furniture, equipment and regalia on the basis of present values and writing off the excess book value. This action resulted in a write off of several thousand dollars for many used up and disposed of items and caused our operating report to show a large loss. This is but a paper loss and makes our ledger balances more realistic. A schedule of depreciation can now be set up and depreciation taken on a yearly basis according to the anticipated useful life of each item.

The printing of a roster of the membership was scheduled for this year but has been postponed because of the cost involved. Estimates and bids received on different methods of printing such a roster varied from $5,000.00 to $8,000.00. The Trustees did not consider this expenditure justified at this time.

A direct telephone line to Portland from the new office has also received a thorough investigation. A Hillsboro line and number with direct no toll dialing to Portland would be available at a cost of $60.00 monthly for the line in addition to the regular telephone charges. This also would necessitate a local phone and the two systems would have to be kept separate within the office. After considering the advantages and disadvantages of such a system and the possibility that the entire area may be placed on a direct dial system with Portland within the next few years, it was considered more practical to take the regular Forest Grove two line service, which we now have. This will be less expensive for the Grand Lodge and all Lodges within the entire state will be paying their own toll charges. Also, keeping in mind that any emergency call can always be made collect.

This has again been a rewarding year for your Grand Secretary. I have been privileged to work and travel with our Grand Master and the other Grand Lodge Officers, attend the District Deputy Seminars and many meetings of lodges. The Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of the Lodges have been very cooperative in our mutual endeavors.

The District Deputies of the Grand Master have responded willingly and promptly to the many requests referred to them for investigations and reports. We have had the privilege of accepting many requests for Fifty Year Jewel Presentations, Courtesy Work and special investigations from a number of other Grand Jurisdictions and have in return been favored by having them perform like services for this Grand Jurisdiction.

Our most sincere thanks to our Past Grand Masters for their council and advice, which has been freely given when asked for. To the many Brethren, Committees and various groups, who have worked with us for the good of the Fraternity during the past year, we extend our thanks.

To my Office Staff I want to express my appreciation of their long hours of work during the trying weeks of adjusting to new quarters. Hours of extra work were cheerfully and val-

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## TRUSTEES MEETINGS

The Grand Master announced that the Trustees meetings during the year would be held on Saturday as soon as convenient after the first of the month and following the meetings of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Board.

## EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

To Right Worshipful Daniel H. Schulze was assigned the work of reviewing the applications for educational assistance. The Educational Assistance Fund which was started in 1855, with a voluntary contribution of $525.00 from the Lodges then in existence, now amounts to $739,385.00 as of April 30, 1970. The interest from this fund is used to educate the children of deceased Master Masons and those incapacitated by illness or injury in the public grade or high school. A more detailed report of this fund will be given by Brother Schulze.

## MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU

Right Worshipful Brother Edwin A. Troyer was assigned as representative of the Trustees to the Masonic Service Bureau. He attended their meetings and gave monthly reports to the Trustees on the activities of the Bureau.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICES

A great deal of progress has been made since the dedication of the Grand Lodge offices on April 5, 1970. A twelve-foot solid oak table with twelve chairs, presented by Brother Leonard B. Judson of Pacific Lodge No. 50 in Salem has been installed in the conference room, making this room very attractive. On April 10, 1971, a short dedication and appreciation ceremony was given to Brother Judson, who was accompanied by several members of Pacific and Vista Lodges.

A sign bearing the inscription Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon has been installed on the upper level of the porch. Suitable drapes are now in the library and museum which are on the second floor of the building. The library committee has completed a catalog of the many books in the library.

## 1970 STAMP PROGRAM

Worshipful Brother Alvin Carter, Chairman of the Endowment Committee, was authorized by the Trustees to arrange a Stamp Program, which was to be mailed to the members of this grand Jurisdiction. A detailed report will be given by Brother Carter.

## REMODELING PROGRAM

A committee from a Lodge appeared before the Trustees at the August 8, 1970, meeting to explain a proposed remodeling program for the rental part of their building. After due consideration the Trustees gave their approval for the Lodge to proceed with their plans.

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The foregoing amount shall be allocated as follows:
(a) One dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) to the General Fund.
The Jurisprudence Committee has considered this proposed amendment and finds it to be in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted:
JOHN J. MURCHISON, P.G.M., Chairman
DAVID W. PEARSON, P.G.M.
CLARENCE D. PHILLIPS, P.G.M.
WILBUR A. WELLBORN, P.G.M.
ALFRED B. HOLMES, P.G.M.

Report Accepted.
Legislation Adopted.

## PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE CODE

Most Worshipful Brother Thomas E. Lampkin, incapacitated by an accident and unable to be here, the balance of this Committee met on June 15, 1972 with Right Worshipful Brother Daniel H. Schulze, Deputy Grand Master and Right Worshipful Brother W. Dexter Elliott, Grand Secretary to determine how it could best implement desires of the Trustees.

Each member of the Committee will study an assigned section of the Code, try to clarify areas which do not appear to be clear and discuss proposed changes at a meeting in September.

The Committee requests that any Brother, who has questions or suggestions submit them to the office of the Grand Secretary for study by the Committee.

Our Grand Secretary has agreed to include this request with his Monthly Bulletin to the Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,
WILBUR A. WELLBORN, P.G.M., Chairman
THOMAS E. LAMPKIN, P.G.M.
JOHN J. MURCHISON, P.G.M.
ALBERT J. BOLLIGER
CARL D. ETLING

Report Accepted.

## REPORT OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The Special Committee of the Grand Lodge has been given the assignment of placing in the room designated for a Museum the memorabilia in possession of the Grand Lodge collected over many years.

A review of the material discloses that there are many interesting and unique items of value which for safety and preservation require display in closed cases. The material requires careful screening to prevent duplication. Some of it should be discarded. Your Committee recognizes the necessity of arranging and displaying the material in such a manner that it will not require the presence of an attendant to supervise or guard the material while on display.

We believe that by acquiring good display cases under lock and key and making the room sufficiently attractive that over the coming years we may reasonably expect to obtain more and even better quality items. This wil require upgrading from time to time.

We have asked the Budget Committee to appropriate $4,750.00 to underwrite this worthwhile project anticipating the cost of the permanent cabinets and the processing of the material for the display.

If the project is approved by the Budget Committee and we can obtain the cabinets which will necessarily have to be custom built the Museum should be opened during the coming Masonic year.

Respectfully submitted
WARREN A. McMINIMEE, P.G.M.
110 Pacific, Tillamook, Oregon
PAUL MENEGET, Forest Grove. Oregon
ROLAND GLEASON, Forest Grove, Oregon
ROBERT SHUPP, JR., Forest Grove, Oregon

Report Accepted.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Oregon at their 122nd Annual Communication held in the City of Portland at the Sheraton Motor Inn on June 14th, 15th and 16th, 1972, by Most Worshipful Grand Master Martin S. Sichel, his Officers and Delegates, extend their sincere thanks and appreciation:

To the Sheraton Motor Inn for their courtesy and their fine accommodations for the Delegates Banquet and the Grand Lodge Communication.

To Mrs. Martin S. Sichel (Nancy) our "First Lady in Freemasonry" for her gracious entertaining of the ladies of our visiting dignitaries.

To Mrs. Ernest Bolliger (Pauline) for her part in the arrangements of the Banquet for the wives and widows of Past Grand Masters and ladies of visiting Brethren.

To the entertainers, soloists and their accompanists, to Most Worshipful Brother W. D. E. Sharpe and the Arrangements Committee an additional thanks for a wonderful and important contribution to this 122nd Annual Communication.

To the Transportation Committee which provided for the transportation of our visitors and members.

Now Therefore, be it resolved that we further express our sincere appreciation to the many individuals and groups who have assisted in this very enjoyable Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

ERNEST BOLLIGER, P.G.M., Chairman
Resolutions Committee
JERRY BROWN
CHARLES C. BOYER
LYMAN COBURN
JOHN TEMPLE
MERLE H. BALDRA

Resolution Adopted.

## LABOR TO REFRESHMENT

M. W. Martin S. Sichel, Grand Master, at 10:35 A. M. called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment to be called to order at 1:30 P.M.

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## REPORT OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Your Grand Lodge Museum Committee was given the task of acquiring good display cases, with lock and key, to house the many interesting and unique items of value which has been accumulated by the Grand Lodge over many years.

We are pleased with the texture and beauty of the display cases we have acquired and believe that they will be a definite asset to the Grand Lodge Headquarters. The committee is in the process of cataloging and indexing the material presently on hand.

Hopefully, your museum will be ready for inspection sometime during the month of September of this year. Since all of the display cases will be with lock and key, it is assumed that we may reasonably expect to obtain additional and even better quality items over the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,
WARREN A. McMINIMEE, P.G.M., Chairman
PAUL MENEGAT
ROBERT SHUPP, JR.
ROLAND E. GLEASON

Report Accepted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

We, the members of the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the propose legislation purporting to amend Section 264 of the Masonic Code beg to report as follows:

SECTION 264 Consolidation of Lodges

Par. 7 First Stated Communication, Transactions—

(c) **NOW READS:** A Petition shall be prepared requesting the Grand Master to grant a Charter to the consolidated Lodge, and the Charters under which the consolidated Lodges have been working shall be returned to the Grand Secretary.

Par. 7(c) **PROPOSED TO READ:** If the consolidated Lodge chooses to change its name, a petition shall be prepared requesting the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to the consolidated Lodge to work, and the Chaters under which the consolidated Lodges have been working shall be returned to the Grand Secretary.

New Par. 7(d) If the consolidated Lodge chooses to continue with the number and name of the older Lodge involved, without change, no dispensation or new Charter need be requested and only the Charter of the Lodge absorbed shall be returned to the Grand Secretary.

Par. 8 Charter issued—

**NOW READS:** Upon receipt of the Petition by the Grand Master, a new Charter shall be issued, without fee, bearing the names of the new officers, the number of the oldest Lodge consolidated and such name as may have been selected by the consolidated Lodge.

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## REPORT OF MUSEUM COMMITTEE

During the past year the Grand Lodge Museum Committee members have held work meetings on the second Saturday of the month.

The beautiful new display cases were unpacked, arranged and filled with Masonic items which have been collected over the years.

A new card-file plan has been set up to identify the many items in the museum.

On Saturday afternoon, March 9, 1974, a Grand Opening Program was held at 2:30 in which the Grand Master Brother Edwin A. Troyer took part. A large number of Grand Lodge Officers and the public also participated. A printed program was given to those who attended. A visitors' registration book has been obtained and is used for those who come to inspect the museum. A brochure with pictures is being prepared to give highlights about the museum and it is hoped that this will attract many more articles of interest to the museum in the future.

Committee:
Paul A. Menegat, Chairman
Roland E. Gleason
Daniel Baptist
Warren A. McMinimee, P.G.M.

Report accepted.

## REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Our assignment for the past year, from our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Edwin A. Troyer, was to endeavor to secure maximum publicity for Masonic activities, meetings and special events throughout the State of Oregon. This was, not only for the purpose of keeping our membership better informed, but also to let the general public know that Masonry was an active, worthwhile and interesting fraternal organization.

Splendid cooperation was received from many of the Lodges through their trestleboard with more complete information to their membership. In eastern Oregon, Brother Huffman has done an excellent job with his periodic publication in dissemination of information. The Oregon Free-Mason has been most generous with pictures and articles pertaining to Masonic subjects, meetings and special events. The Scottish Rite bulletins have been helpful in publicizing Masonic affairs. Last and by no means least, was the excellent publicity given the fraternity by both the Oregonian and Oregon Journal Newspapers.

The most recent example of the results of good communication was experienced at the April 5th meeting when the Grand Master made his official visit to the Portland and vicinity Lodges. The meeting was held in the Scottish Rite Auditorium with 700 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl W. Hopp, Chairman
Max G. Cogill
Eldridge Huffman
John Temple
Sidney O. Tuve

Report accepted.

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Dedication ceremonies were held for the new Temple of Eugene Lodge No. 11 and also for the new Temple of Doric Lodge No. 132 in Portland. Salem Lodge No. 4 and Pacific Lodge No. 50 held a ground breaking ceremony to institute their joint participation in the construction of a new temple and plans have been approved for a new Temple for McEwen Lodge No. 125 at Sumpter.

The Grand Lodge Museum was also dedicated, the culmination of several years of zealous effort by the Museum Committee.

It was brought to the attention of your Grand Master that Brother James Justice, a former Chairman of the Library Committee, who now lives in California, might be willing to donate his personal Masonic Library to the Grand Lodge Library. Correspondence with Brother Justice resulted in his contributing this valuable addition to our library along with suitable cases to house the collection. Work is now underway to accomplish the transfer.

Your Grand Master was pleased to represent you at the Grand Lodges of Washington, British Columbia, Idaho, California, Nevada and Arizona. Right Worshipful Brother Virgil Rogers, Senior Grand Warden represented the Grand Lodge of Oregon at the Grand Lodge of Montana. In every case I was most courteously and graciously received and given an opportunity to address the delegates during the communication.

In January the Twenty-seventh Annual Tri-State Conference was held in Boise, Idaho. This annual meeting brings together the Elective Grand Lodge Officers of Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Papers are prepared and presented on assigned subjects by each of the officers, followed by periods of discussion. These meetings are rotated among the three jurisdictions and serve a very useful function in serving as a forum to discuss items of mutual interest and concern to our Grand Lodges as well as enabling the participants to become better acquainted. I certainly recommend our continued participation in this conference.

Attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America held each year, during the week of Washington's Birthday in our nation's capital, has to be one of the highlights of any Grand Master's year. This meeting brings together the Grand Masters from the entire North American Continent as well as many visitors from other countries. What a tremendous experience it is to meet and become acquainted with these distinguished Masons from throughout the world. Our Grand Lodge provides funds for our Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master to attend this conference and I am sure Masonry in Oregon derives great benefit from their attendance.

The Annual Interstate Meeting between Oregon and Washington was again held this year. A capacity crowd was in attendance on Friday evening, March 8th, as Friendship Lodge No. 160 hosted a meeting for District No. 2 at which the Grand Lodge Officers of Washington as well as the Grand Masters and Officers from the Grand Jurisdictions of Idaho and British Columbia were received. On the following evening a large group of Grand Lodge Officers were hosted at the Washington District No. 19 meeting held in Vancouver.

Your Grand Master and many of the Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced at the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. I also attended the reception for the Worthy Grand Matron in Grants Pass and the Worthy Grand Patron in Portland.

It was my pleasure to attend the Grand Commandery of the York Rite in April and to be represented at the Grand Council and Grand Chapter by our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Ross Gilkison.

At the Northwest Grotto Association Convention held in Portland your Grand Master was created a Prophet-at-Sight by the Grand Monarch of the Grottoes of North America, and accorded a life membership in Gul Reazee Grotto of Portland.

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# ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION June 12, 1975

SECOND DAY – MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called to order by M.W. Edwin A. Troyer, P.G.M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master at 9:05 o'clock A.M. called the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor.

## (RITUALISTIC OPENING)
## INVOCATION

R.R. George G. Roseberry, Grand Chaplain, offered the invocation.

O Thou Great Source of Light, Wisdom and Strength, we invoke Thy Divine blessing upon our opening session. Grant us Thy Presence as we come to labor in this hour. Guide and direct us in our labors Bless and strengthen us to carry on in all of our endeavors Bless each of our Officers this day and every day. In Thy Name Amen.

## SOLO

Maynard W. Hadley (135) sang "Without a Song" accompanied by W. Bro. John E. Edmiston, Grand Organist.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND ORATOR

At this time M.W.B. Dot Dotson P.G.M. (11) presented his Oration. The text of this Oration will be found in the earlier pages of this Proceedings.

## REPORT OF MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The museum committee had as one of its main projects this year the development of a brochure to help make the museum better known to the brethren and others who might be interested. The brochure is being worked on and when completed it is planned for each Lodge to get a copy to have for reference. It is hoped that it may aid in adding more items to the museum.

The work of cataloging the many articles as they are displayed in the showcases is a continuing process. The display cases are kept filled and attractively arranged and the contents are changed from time to time. Duplicate items are kept in the storage area.

A register is provided at the entrance for visitors and since the official opening in March 1974 by M.W. Brother Edwin A. Troyer PGM nearly 200 persons from more than a dozen states have signed it.

In March of this year a tri-met bus brought a number of senior citizens from Portland who spent time visiting the museum and library.

The Grand Secretary and his staff are always happy to show the museum, and the library located next door, to visitors. The committee wishes to extend to them the sincere thanks for keeping these facilities so neat and clean and always in order.

Please do not forget that the Grand Lodge Office will willingly receive on a permanent basis from an individual, or from a Masonic Body, any books, artifacts, jewels or other items and house them well for present enjoyment and for posterity.

This is nearing the bicentennial year and some of the materials developed for this occasion by the various Lodges will become fitting and interesting memorabilia for the Grand Lodge Museum.

Committee:
Paul A. Menegat, chairman
Daniel B. Baptist
Roland E. Gleason, JGW
Glenn W. Smith

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and clarifying Forms for admission into the Home. As a result, there is much less confusion and misunderstanding on the part of those who make application for admission and those who recommend and sponsor them. Our guests are happy and contented and receive the best care possible. A detailed report will be given by the Chairman of the Board and Superintendent Moy.

Our Grand Secretary was authorized to hire Raymond L. Hoffman to assist in the office. The books were audited by Piepenbrink and Kron and found to be in excellent condition. Our Grand Secretary was authorized to consult with Brother Jay Wilson concerning his assistance in future audits. Brother Wilson agreed to conduct our annual audit with the assistance of another C.P.A.

Our Bi-Centennial Committee, under the Chairmanship of Brother Earl Norgard, has worked diligently and formulated plans which should give us a good Bi-Centennial program.

The size of the pages and binder of the revised Code was discussed and it was decided to leave the pages the same size as the old Code, with the standard three hole punch so that they could be used with any standard three hole binder or the old binder could be used by those who have them. Four copies of the Code were distributed to each Lodge.

The status of Oregon Military Lodge No. 223 remains uncertain. A letter was sent to all the members of the Lodge, asking their choice of membership in case the Military terminates permission for the Lodge to meet on the Base in Frankfurt, Germany. This could happen suddenly and it was felt that it would be better to have some idea of the desires of the members, in case it does.

The Grand Lodge was made the beneficiary of part of the Layne estate. The Personal Representative of the estate asked the Trustees what disposition they wished to make of a collection of pistols and old coins. The Trustees decided to accept the items as they are, since they would probably make good items for the Masonic Museum.

Building plans for Jennings Lodge No. 9 were approved.

The Trustees decided that mailing lists of members of Oregon Lodges should not be used for any other than Grand Lodge purposes.

In conclusion we would like to express our gratitude to the Committees, District Deputies, The Grand Secretary and his Staff and all who have served so faithfully and made our task easier.

The sudden and unexpected death of Virgil A. Rogers, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, shocked and grieved all of us greatly. I want our M. W. Grand Master and all of my Brethren to know how much I appreciate the sad privilege of acting in his stead.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilbur Al Wellborn
Acting Deputy Grand Master

Report Accepted

## NECROLOGY REPORT
### R.R. Grand Chaplain

To the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon
My Brethren

St. John said "We know that we have passed out of death into life." 1st John 3:14 We are here in this memorial service to bear witness to the achievement of life eternal. It is not a time for uncontrolled sadness and grief. Our departed brethren in whose memory we meet have passed out of death into eternal life. Another glimpse of the mystery of death comes

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of an MM Degree, participants and onlookers alike were buoyed up by the enticing aroma of barbecued chicken which permeated the locale, and which was soon enjoyed in body as well as spirit by all present.

An occasional communication of the Grand Lodge was convened at Wheeler Lodge No. 167, A.F. & A.M., on October 4, 1969, to dedicate the dining hall addition to their temple. The function was well attended and the ceremony accomplished with meaningful grace and beauty.

The Caples Historic Home at Columbia City, Oregon, was the scene of a November 2, 1969 occasional communication for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the Caples Historical Museum adjacent to the home. This also was carried out with well-planned and well-executed finesse.

A reception for MW Bro. Paul W. Sorensen, given by Pendleton Lodge No. 52, was held in the Vert Memorial Auditorium in Pendleton Saturday evening, September 27. More than 400 brethren, relatives and friends were on hand to honor the Grand Master on this occasion. Guest speakers were MW Bros. Lloyd McRae, Wilbur A. Wellborn, Thomas Lampkin and Clarence Kopp, all Past Grand Masters of Oregon. W Bro. Jack E. Folsom, a Past District Deputy, presented the Grand Master with a beautiful Pendleton Woolen Mill blanket on behalf of Pendleton Lodge No. 52. Grand Lodge officers, Eastern Star dignitaries, family and friends from all over the Northwest and as far east as Illinois were in attendance. One of the highlights of the evening was the 90th birthday celebration for W. Bro. Cliff Bellinger, Grand Tyler. W. Bro Bellinger was the oldest living Past Master of Pendleton Lodge.

In what was believed to be possibly a record for distance traveled to exemplify a degree, WM William R. Ward of Washington Lodge No. 46, accompanied by 36 members of Portland area Lodges, made an October 4 trip to Lewiston, Idaho, to confer an MM Degree. In all, more than 200 brethren were in attendance. Wives of line officers prepared a roast beef dinner for the occasion, and it was served by Lewiston Bethel girls. The first section of the subsequent Degree was conferred by the Senior DeMolay Degree team and the second section in costume by Washington Lodge No. 46.

The annual Interstate Meetings this year saw the Masons of Oregon hosting the Masons of Washington at the East Gate Masonic Temple in Portland on January 9, 1970. On the following evening those of the Oregon constituency were guests of the Washington brethren at the new Vancouver Masonic Temple at 2500 N. E. 78th Street, Vancouver, Washington. Both functions drew a large attendance.

The April 5, 1970 dedication of the new home of the Grand Lodge of Oregon drew hundreds of Masons and their families to the Forest Grove location. The original children's home had been completely remodeled to accommodate the offices of the Grand Secretary and his staff, the Grand Lodge library, and museum. "Open house" began at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home with an 11:00 a.m. church service under direction of RW Virgil A. Rogers, Grand Chaplain, A.F. & A.M., and Grace George, Grand Chaplain, O.E.S. Formal dedication program of the new facilities took place on the porch of the Grand Lodge office building commencing at 1:00 p.m., and was followed by a lunch served at 2:00 p.m. Upon completion of the formal program, visitors availed themselves of the opportunity of touring the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

A May 9 dinner served at East Gate Temple in Portland featured a friendly competition among Lodges of District No. 26 with the objective of raising the most money for the Masonic and Eastern Star Home fund. 400 dinners were served, and at first calculation proceeds collected for the Home aggregated $936.00. Maritime Lodge No. 193 again this year enjoyed the satisfaction of contributing the most money of the five Lodges in District No.

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The grand Master made the following assignments for the Trustees for the ensuing year as follows: Joseph W. Jarvis, Senior Grand Warden — Home Disbursements and Roland E. Gleason, Deputy Grand Master — Educational Assistance.

On recommendation of R.W. Brother W. Dexter Elliott, Grand Secretary and by a motion duly made, seconded and passed by the Trustees Worshipful Brother Elvin E. Phillips was again appointed Assistant Grand Secretary for the ensuing Masonic year.

Resolutions were adopted designating the U. S. National Bank as the official depository of the Grand Lodge funds and as the safekeeping facility for all valuable papers and documents, with authorized signatures obtained for each.

The Grand Master announced that the Trustees' Meetings would be held as soon as convenient after the first of each month and following the meetings of the Home Board. The meetings have been held regularly and faithfully attended.

Brother Carl Hopp, Chairman of the Endowments Committee, presented a new two page, three fold brochure which incorporated a number of pictures of items of interest concerning the Home along with written items regarding each department and instructions pertaining to making bequests to the Home. The Trustees approved the new brochure, the first revision in many years, and distribution is being made to the constituent lodges, Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star and to specific persons on request.

In last year's report it was mentioned that the Grand Lodge was made the beneficiary of part of the Layne Estate, including a collection of pistols and old coins, which the Trustees at first thought would probably make good items for the Masonic Museum, however, after they inspected the pistols and old coins they unanimously agreed that these would be unsuitable items for the Grand Lodge Museum and would endanger the security of the building. The Grand Secretary was instructed to seek disposal of the items at the best price obtainable.

The annual audit of the books was conducted by the firm of Dietrich, Bye, Griffin and Youel, Certified Public Accountants of Portland. The books were found to be in excellent condition.

Our thanks to R.W. Brother Joseph W. Jarvis, Senior Grand Warden, for his work on the revision of the Application Forms for Educational Assistance.

The Grand Lodge's share of the 1975 wheat crop from the Walker Estate amounted to 141,033 pounds and the Trustees authorized the sale of this wheat for December 1975 delivery.

At the last Annual Communication Brother Gordon Barker assumed the position of Chairman of the Finance Committee, formerly held by Brother W. Park Stalnaker, and has been responsible for the investment of those funds belonging to the Grand Lodge which are available for this purpose. We are happy to report that he has given wise counsel and prudent advice in this capacity.

Oregon Military Lodge No. 223 received orders to vacate the military base in Frankfurt, Germany, as of July 31st, 1975. The Grand Master, after discussing the possible alternatives with the Grand Lodge Trustees, issued an edict, decreeing that the charter of Oregon Military Lodge No. 223 be returned to Oregon as of July 31st, 1975, along with all liquid assets and membership records and that the lodge be in recess until the Stated Communication of Wednesday, November 5th, 1975. The stated meeting of November 5th was opened by its regularly installed Worshipful Master, Brother Thomas A. Spencer, who made a special trip from Germany and conducted a very well organized meeting emulating true dedication to the

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and radio stations. This suggestion was printed in the monthly bulletin of the Grand Secretary, thanks to the then Grand Secretary, M.W. Brother Dexter Elliott, and mailed to all Lodges. Some Lodge Officers adopted this suggestion and were rewarded with some degree of success.

In order to publicize the winners of the Grand Master's oratorical contest the Committee submitted news releases to the Oregon Journal, The Oregonian, Medford Mail Tribune and the Roseburg News-Review. Only the News-Review of Roseburg carried the story.

One nice story by Committee member, Bob Nelson, was carried by an up state paper concerning activities of the local chapter of Bethel girls. While our success in the Publicity field has been limited the Committee has learned that constant effort is required to induce the media to accept some of our offerings.

We were saddened by the loss of one of our members, Brother Max G. Cogill, but to the other members, J. Robert Nelson, Gerald H. Parrick and John P. Temple, my sincere thanks for their loyalty and perservance.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl R. Norgard, Chairman

Report accepted

## REPORT OF THE MASONIC BLOOD BANK PROGRAM TO THE GRAND LODGE OF AF & AM OF OREGON

This report for the past sixteen years has been submitted by Martin S. Sichel P.G.M. and Chairman Coordinator of the Masonic Blood Bank in Oregon. His sudden death in February of this year left the program without a leader, but with a truly fine tradition.

During this past year our Blood Bank Program has been carried on by many lodges throughout the state backed by our Masonic Franternity, its families and friends, our sisters of the Eastern Star, associate organizations and our youth groups.

Much of the success of the Blood Bank Program this year has been due to the splendid work of our District Deputies of the Grand Master and their Blood Bank Chairmen. In the Portland area alone two Blood Banks were held in the Portland Masonic Temple and approximately 135 pints of blood were given.

The Masonic Blood Bank Program must and will go on — we may find new and even better ways to carry on the program. Our new Blood Bank Chairman Coordinator to be appointed will probably have some suggestions for changes and improvements. However, in the words of our Brother Sichel "There is no substitute for blood — it must be given by people — people in good health between the ages of 17 through 66 years of age."

Repectfully submitted
Robert Mudrick

Report Accepted

## REPORT OF MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The museum committee has not been very active this year although several meetings were held but due to unavoidable circumstances some of the committee members were not present for the meetings.

Very little memorabilia has been received the past year and very few persons have visited the museum during the year. We would urge that more use be made of this important facility.

We welcome any material which might be of interest to be included in the museum archives.

The display cases are kept filled and attractively arranged. Duplicate items are kept in the storage area.

A register is provided for visitors and any visitors are requested to register when visiting the museum.

The staff of the grand secretary are available to show the museum and the library during open hours.

The card-file plan set up to identify the many items in the museum is a handy reference guide.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph J. Millet, Chairman
Lonnie L. Hartman
John R. Follet Jr.
Otto M. Richards
E. M. Bowman

Report accepted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLOTHING, JEWELS AND FURNITURE

To: The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon 127th Annual Communication

We, the members of the committee on clothing, jewels and furniture required for Grand Lodge ceremonies, report that after proper examination, we find them to be in satisfactory condition and inventory thereof is on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald P. Fulmer (172-198)
Chairman
H. Wendell Patch (27-223)
Harry F. La Coste (193-218)

Report Accepted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

To the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Oregon:

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters have received no request for a Dispensation or Charter this year.

We understand, there are a large number of our members and sojourners now living in and near Sommerset West, which is located north of the Sunset highway.

Possibly, sometime in the future, they might desire to form a lodge in that neighborhood, to meet and work and enjoy masonic fellowship. We your committee do encourage it.

Fraternally submitted,
Ernest J. Bolliger, P.G.M.,
Chairman
James W. Anderson
Harold A. Johnson
Ralph K. Watts
Walter L. Wilkins, Jr.

Report accepted.

## LABOR TO REFRESHMENT

M.W. Roland E. Gleason, Grand Master, at 11:55, called the Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment to resume at 1:30 P.M.

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## THE GRAND LODGE OF A.F. & A.M. OF OREGON
### Budget of the General Fund for the Year
### May 1, 1978 to April 30, 1979

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| Anticipated Income | |
| Capital Gains | $ |
| Investment Earnings | 23,500.00 |
| Sales of Supplies | 900.00 |
| Annual Dues | 47,750.00 |
| Dispensations | 100.00 |
| Annual Returns Penalty | - - - |
| Administration Charges | 67,288.00 |
| Totals | $139,538.00 |
| Anticipated Expense | |
| Salaries | $53,300.00 |
| Social Security | 3,000.00 |
| Blue Cross | 1,100.00 |
| State Unemployment | 1,100.00 |
| Federal Unemployment | 175.00 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 400.00 |
| Tri-Met Tax | 250.00 |
| Annual Communication | 14,000.00 |
| Committee Expense | 1,700.00 |
| Grand Officers Expense | 13,000.00 |
| Grand Lodge Printing | 8,500.00 |
| Ins. & Grand Officers Bond | 400.00 |
| Library & Museum | 100.00 |
| Office Supplies & Expense | 6,000.00 |
| Data System | 2,500.00 |
| Relief Association Dues | 300.00 |
| Rent | 6,300.00 |
| Sundry Grand Lodge Expense | 2,500.00 |
| Telephone & Postage | 5,250.00 |
| Pensions | 13,000.00 |
| Depreciation Expense | 2,200.00 |
| Contingencies | 500.00 |
| Totals | $134,575.00 |
| Anticipated Excess of Income | 4,963.00 |

## REPORT OF MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The Museum Committee wishes to report that we have been active the Past Grand Lodge year and have completed the arrangement and display of many of the articles previously held in storage. We have inventoried and inspected much of the material which was in the storage area. The marking, cataloguing and card indexing of museum articles has continued. The items in several of the display cases have been changed and new exhibits are on view. Another room was opened, though much is in storage wraps, still, pictures and other items are displayed.

We recommend that work be continued on a museum brochure. We suggest the addition of two new display cases. Work on cataloguing all museum articles should continue.

The Museum Committee welcomes memorabilia for the Museum. Contributions will be received on a permanent basis from individuals or Masonic Bodies. Storage is secure and display cases are locked. We suggest that

contributions be accompanied with a short write-up concerning ownership or other background information.

Your Committee is impressed with the beauty and serene atmosphere of the Museum. We urge our Brethren and their families and guests to visit the Museum and the adjacent Library. The Grand Lodge Office is open during weekdays and Grand Lodge Office personnel will gladly direct you to the displays.

Respectfully Submitted,
Herman C. Kuppler, Chairman
Joseph J. Millet
Edwin M. Bowman
Warren R. Roe, Jr.
Otto M. Richards

Report Accepted.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND ORGANIST

At the time of my appointment as Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Oregon, Most Worshipful Brother Joseph W. Jarvis shared with me his thoughts regarding Music in Masonry. Music, as you well know, being one of the steps of progress along the Masonic Path.

The Grand Master requested that I research the availability, the presentation and encouragement of music, both vocal and instrumental, for use during the exemplification of each degree; Special emphasis to be given the Entered Apprentice Degree. It being felt that the Candidate's first impression should be most thoroughly grounded with sincerity of action, honesty of heart and love of our fellow man. We would like his first impression to set a life time pattern of meaningful Masonic behavior.

Results to date:

1. Research has been rewarding, though slow. It has taken more time to ferret out music that has been used in Blue Lodge. Our search is coming to fruition. With the aid of many brethren, contacts have been made and the material is being received.
2. Presentation: Whenever and wherever possible, I have presented music, both vocal and instrumental, for each degree and for stated meetings. There was a total of 61 such presentations.
3. Encouragement: Response to these demonstrations has been most gratifying. In fact, expressed interest and urgent desire of the craft has been most encouraging.

Projection: Blue Lodge music will be available soon by way of tapes, records and printed music.

Appreciation is due many members of the Grand Lodge of Oregon for the helpful aid given me in filling the position of Grand Organist. Most especially, the encouragement and invigorating interest of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Joseph W. Jarvis.

Respectfully submitted
Signed: Walter J. Meisen
Grand Organist

Report Accepted.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITION OF OTHER GRAND LODGES

To The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon
Brethren:

The Committee on Recognition of other Grand Lodges submit the following report for your consideration.

A request has been received from the GRAND ORIENT of BRAZIL for

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of wheat and 43,507 lbs of barley which were sold for $5,901.14. A new lease for the ranch was signed between the Grand Lodge and the Boyntons which will increase the Grand Lodge share from one-third to 40 per cent of the crop.

The Lodge Management Advisory Committee has finished their work on the booklet entitled "Masonic Etiquette and Instruction" and this book is now available from the Grand Secretaries office. Form No. 1 — Petition For Degrees — was given serious consideration and several changes were authorized for the next printing of this form.

The Standard Manual was revised and reprinted in two volumes. Manual Number I contains those things which are of interest and instruction to the constituent Lodges. Manual Number II contains the ceremonies concerning only the Grand Lodge. Both manuals are in loose leaf binders to facilitate the changing or adding of pages.

Edith Gifford, daughter of Past Grand Master Ezra Wilson (1934) donated to the Grand Lodge Museum a lambskin apron that had belonged to Brother Wilson's Great Grandfather from Pennsylvania. Brother Wilson had requested that this apron be given to the Grand Lodge Museum.

Your Trustees act as managers of all of our endowment funds. We are grateful for the $259,475.36 donated or received from estates during the last year. But this is not near enough to keep the Home operating without a loss in the maintenance fund. Because of inflation and government regulations we need a much larger endowment fund for the home.

The Grand Lodge Trustees and the Grand Lodge office staff was saddened by the death of LoDema Hall who had been an employee for two years.

The Annual Audit of the books was conducted by Brother Jay R. Wilson, a certified Public Accountant. The books were found to be in good order.

We would be remiss if we did not thank the District Deputies for their investigations of the applicants for Educational Assistance and for admission to the home. Most of the reports were very well done and contained the information that was needed.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Elvin E. Phillips, and all of the other members of the Grand Lodge office staff.

The monthly Trustee meetings usually last from three to four hours. Many items are discussed which effect the operation of the Grand Lodge and all of the 180 constituent Lodges. May the decisions that we have made be in the best interest of all of the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. Your Trustees are happy to have been a service to the Craft.

Respectfully submitted
Lyman F. Coburn
Deputy Grand Master

## FINAL REPORT — CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee at this time submitted its final report showing:

Grand Lodge Officers, 19; Past Grand Masters, 15; District Deputies of the Grand Master, 33; Grand Representatives, 33; Committee Members, 70; Lodge Representatives, 346; Representing 169 Lodges, and 27 Distinguished Guests.

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of wheat and 27,576 lbs. of barley which were sold for $6,309.13.

Thanks to Right Worshipful Brother John F. Erwin and Elvin E. Phillips for efforts in replacing the Grand Lodge Banner which was lost during Grand Lodge at the Sheraton Hotel.

The Lodge Management Advisory Committee finished a booklet entitled "What I Would Like My Friends to Know About Freemasonry" and it is very well received by the craft. We thank this committee for a job well done. Your Trustees act as managers of all of our endowment funds. We are very grateful to the members who donated to the Million Dollar Club, however we have a long way to go and hope for continued support. The funds from stamp program and from estates are greatly appreciated.

The annual audit of the books was conducted by Brother Jay R. Wilson, a certified Public Accountant. The books were found to be in good order. To the District Deputies of the Grand Master we thank you very much for your dedicated work on applications for Educational Assistance and for admission to the Home. Our thanks also to the Masters and Secretaries for their efforts in these same areas.

The Trustees have on several occasions this year needed the advice and counsel of an attorney and M.W. Brother Frank J. Coumont, PG.M. has assisted whenever needed and we wish to thank him for this service which he has so willingly rendered.

A special thanks to Grand Lodge Committee on Government & Legislative Affairs, you have done an outstanding job.

This report could not be concluded without a special note of thanks to our Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Elvin E. Phillips and his entire office staff.

Brethren on behalf of the members of the Grand Lodge Trustees, we thank you for the privilege and the trust you have placed in us as we conduct the affairs of Grand Lodge. We hope our labors have met with your approval.

Fraternally submitted
Roy M. Rauenhorst
Deputy Grand Master.

Report Accepted

## REPORT OF MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Your Museum Committee has met each month this past Grand Lodge Year. We want to give due credit and thanks to RWB Elvin E. Phillips and to his staff for their efforts and cooperation in assisting this committee.

We have continued to index and mark museum articles so that a dependable record of memorabilia is available. Several of the display cases have been changed and new articles are exhibited. The vault area has been organized and many items are arranged there in the glass-front book shelves. On display behind the Grand Lodge Office counter are two framed collections of color pictures of some of the many interesting Masonic Aprons in the Museum.

This year, we have endeavored to promote the use and the awareness of the Museum through informative articles for publication. We want to thank WB John Temple, Editor and Publisher of THE OREGON FREEMASON for publishing our efforts.

Currently, the Committee is working on a slide-narrative presentation which may be used as a lodge program. We are also looking at additional display cases so that additional material, now in storage, may be displayed.

Your Committee is pleased to announce that the Museum Brochure that we have been working on is available for the first time today. A supply is available at the Grand Secretary's desk and at the registration tables.

The Museum always needs Masonic memorabilia. We hope our Brethren

and our Masonic Bodies will share their treasures with all of us. Contributions will be securely kept and greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted
Herman C. Kuppler, Chairman
Joseph J. Millet
Edwin M. Bowman
Ernest J. Rubin
Raymond N. Allen

Report Accepted

## NECROLOGY REPORT

R.R. Grand Chaplain

Last year the Worshipful Grand Orator began his Grand Oration by saying, "I made a vow to myself ... that I would present to you my views of the future instead of having us look over our shoulder because the future is where our destiny lies." An inspiring oration followed, looking to the future of Masonry.

However, in the final analysis when we look to the future, we see the inevitability of death. Not the death of Masonry, or of our religious Faith, but that change in our mental, physical and spiritual condition we refer to as death. In the words of our Masonic funeral service, "What man is he that shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? His days are as grass ..."

We all know this, but we are never ready. On the Cross, Jesus said to one of the men next to Him, "This day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." No doubt these words carried great comfort to a dying man. Yet the suddenness of it must have been shocking! "This day! Oh, no! I'm not ready! I've got too many things to do before I can go! Maybe tomorrow, but not today ... !"

But to 980 of our beloved brethren, the word came during this past year, "Today shalt thou be with Me." Again in the words of Masonic ritual: "Almighty God, our Creator and Preserver, we stand in the presence of death: our hearts are heavy, and our heads are bowed in humble submission. We ask that Thou wouldst give us grace to look upon this dispensation of Thy Providence as a reminder that we are all born to die, and that we need Thy help to teach us how to live. May we, by Thy help, be brought to a better realization of this great truth, and so shape our lives that we may be prepared when the great change comes."

As believers in God, we belong to Him, whether living or dying, and death becomes merely the next step in the great adventure of life, one bringing us into the nearer Presence of the Almighty. So for these our Brethren who have passed the great divide, we are sorrowful for our own loss of them in our lodges, our homes and our daily lives. But they have only gone on ahead to where our own future lies, and with all that great company of saints they live the fuller, blessed life in God's Presence.

> They are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. (Rev. 7:15-17)

So we say thanks to God for the privilege of having known these brethren, of having had them as members of our families and our lodges, and of having them as friends. We deeply sympathize with their loved ones, in their loss, and pray that God will look with compassion upon their grief and fold His loving arms around them.

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requirements of the Grand Lodge meeting in Annual Communication, and

WHEREAS, the City of Seaside has complete facilities to fulfill the needs of members and guests and has suitable and adequate facilities for convening Grand Lodge, and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Grand Master-elect and the Trustees of the Grand Lodge have approved, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon meet in its 132nd Annual Communication in Seaside, Oregon on June 9th, 1982.

Thomas D. Anderson, W.M.
Temple Lodge No. 7
George F. Cole, W.M.
Evergreen Lodge No. 137
John P. Doney, Sr., W.M.
Gateway Lodge No. 175
Clyde H. McIntyre, W.M.
Harbor Lodge No. 183

Adopted

**RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION**

To the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Oregon:

Resolved that the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon express its appreciation to Most Worshipful Brother, ROY M. RAUENHORST, for his outstanding leadership as Grand Master and to the following for their part in making this 130th Annual Communication such a great success.

To Kenton Lodge No. 145 who furnished the chairs for our principal Grand Lodge Officers. We also appreciate the use of their Holy Bible.

To Doric Lodge No. 132 for the use of their Altar, Altar Cloth, three Lesser Lights and pedestals.

To Leonard Bjorkman who assisted in setting the tone of Grand Lodge, with his vocal selections, that were enjoyed by all.

To Walter Miessen our Grand Organist, who accompanied him and delighted us with his beautiful organ music and vocal numbers at the delegates banquet, and for his thoughtful preparation and the playing of the National Anthems of China and Japan at the conclusion of the addresses of the personal representatives of the Grand Masters of the respective jurisdictions.

To all those who provided for the transportation, and who extended many personal courtesies to our distinguished visitors.

To Sandy Schlessinger and George Perry, who operated the public address system and recorded on tape, all the proceedings.

To the museum Committee and to Illustrious Brother, David O. Johnson who narrated as the impressive slides were shown of Masonic artifacts and books concerning the early history of Oregon.

To Nels Edlund and all who served on the Arrangements Committee.

To the many Brethren who assisted in the labors of registration, mileage and expense.

To the ladies of the Grand Lodge Officers, who joined in entertaining our visiting ladies, who accompanied their husbands to this Annual Communication.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that we further express our sincere appreciation to the many individuals and groups, who assisted in this enjoyable Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Warren Cate, P.G.M.
Ernest J. Bolliger, P.G.M. Chairman.

Adopted

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Brethren, we have an outstanding Masonic Museum and invite you to share your treasures with all of us. Your Museum Committee will be happy to accept contributions of memorabilia for the Museum.

Respectfully Submitted,
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## REPORT OF THE GRAND ORATOR

At this time W.B. H. Tyrrell Lowry presented his Oration. The text of this Oration will be found in the earlier pages of this Proceedings.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
## ENDING APRIL 30, 1980

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guest, and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Finance Committee has met several times this past year and we have kept the Board of Trustees informed as to our procedure on making various types of investments. With inflation still rising and a possible depression in the future it is necessary that the investor should watch all phases.

Though most of new money received has been invested in short term Certificates of Deposits due to the high yield received from them, it has not kept us from improving the portfolio of other items.

To assist the Grand Lodge in their accounting and with the assistance of a Broker we have sold approximately 50 items of securities and reinvested the money in higher yielding stocks. We also sold 10 low yielding bonds and reinvested same in two different items giving us a much higher yield and will make better than $30,000.00 during the life of said bonds. Those sold were sinking fund bonds which brought a higher price and was an exception to most of our holdings. We also improved the ratings held by Grand Lodge of the transactions just mentioned.

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# ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION June 12, 1980

SECOND DAY — MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called to order by M.W. Brother Lyman F. Coburn, Immediate Past Grand Master.

## RITUALISTIC OPENING

The Most Worshipful Grand Master at 9:00 o'clock A.M. called the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor.

## INVOCATION

R.W. Everett E. Grimes, Grand Chaplain, offered the invocation.

O God, and Father, in these days of darkness and confusion, we turn to Thee who art the light of the world. Hear Thou our prayer for guidance and show us that path that leads to quietness and peace. Help us to become aware of Thy directing hand, so that with courage and certainty we may walk into the darkness of the future, knowing that Thy love will enlighten our path. Make us always to know Thine unfailing presence. Amen

## SOLO

Brother Leonard Bjorkman, accompanied by the Grand Organist, Brother Walter J. Miesen sang, "I Believe".

## CHINESE SCROLL

Most Worshipful Brother Theodore L. Way, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of China spoke and related the history of Chinese Masonry. He also presented a scroll with the inscription in Chinese characters and translated states "Within the Four Seas all men are Brothers". This was displayed to the members present.

## GAVEL

The gavel used on this day by the Grand Master was presented to him at the District meeting of District No. 40. The presentation was made by R.W. Brother Robert Matzka, District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 40.

## THE GRAND LODGE OF AF&AM OF OREGON MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT 1979-1980

Your Museum Committee met each month this past Grand Lodge year. We continued the indexing and marking of museum articles. We also modified or completely changed the items in some of the display cases so that the interest of the regular visitor could be maintained.

We want to thank RWB Elvin E. Phillips and his staff for their assistance. The letter file which the Grand Secretaries office contributed to the Museum has been put to good use. Through the use of this file, we have been able to sort and arrange, in some order, the many pieces of correspondence, which, here-to-fore, were scattered in storage.

Our recommendations (to put on record some of the tasks still to be undertaken) are as follows: We recommend indexing and marking be continued (seemingly, a task that will take several more years). We suggest consideration of two more new display cases for showing articles now in storage. We suggest the design and preparation of uniform information cards to be placed with the displayed memorabilia.

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## THE GRAND LODGE OF A.F. & A.M. OF OREGON
## MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT 1980-1981

Your Museum Committee continued marking, indexing and displaying new memorabilia as received. This activity needs to continue as some older items have not been processed.

Continued interest in Our Museum was evident as shown by the number of out of state visitors, from Washington, California and by a visit by Brother Per Lund from Oslo, Norway.

Requests for the Museum slide-tape presentation were not as numerous as we

had anticipated, however they were requested and shown by the following Lodges — Baker #47, Doric #132, Hood River #105, Lyon #29, Palestine #141, Sunnyside #163, Timberline #218, also the 1968 Masters and Lila Miller of the Order of Eastern Star. The slides and taped narration as well as the typewritten text for the lodges not having access to a cassette player are available on a loan basis by contacting the Grand Secretary's office. The Museum slide tape is most educational and entertaining. We suggest that the lodges request it more frequently this coming year.

Through the efforts of R.W. Brother Elvin E. Phillips, the Museum is the recipient of a complete set (41 issues) of the May 18th, 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens, as published by The Oregonian.

The Museum Committee wishes to thank R. W. Brother Elvin E. Phillips and his staff for their splendid cooperation this past year. The Museum Committee welcomes and needs additional memorabilia of general interest to our Masonic Fraternity. We will be most happy to accept any contribution.

Respectfully submitted
Thomas E. Cowls, Chairman
Edwin M. Bowman
Carl W. Gudmundson
Joseph J. Millett
Ernest J. Rubin

Report Accepted

## REPORT OF THE MASONIC BLOOD BANK PROGRAM TO THE GRAND LODGE OF A.F. & A.M. OF OREGON

The Masonic Blood program wishes to thank our Masonic Lodges for their continued support and our special thanks to those Masons who have contributed blood during the past year.

The goal of the American Red Cross Blood Services is to collect 2,350 units of blood each week. The Masons have shown support for Red Cross Blood Services by holding bloodmobiles for their members to help collect this blood for patients in our hospitals.

A few years back, the Masons responded to a concept of "blood banking" or "blood credits" which promised that there would be credit available for them if they or members of their families needed blood replaced. As of 1975, in order to better serve the community, we changed our approach to the recruitment of volunteer blood donors. We no longer require blood used to be replaced.

There are two major philosophies for the recruitment of volunteer blood donors. One specifically identifies the individual patient as being responsible for the "replacement" of the blood used (our old system). The other aims at the community as a whole to provide the blood needed for the patients within its own community. The latter concept, that of **community responsibility** means that those needing blood will receive it, as their doctors request, and need not worry about the unit-for-unit replacement. It is believed that the replacement of blood is an unfair burden upon patients using blood and blood products. The patients and their families should not be (personally) taxed to pay back that life source which they so desperately need. Any one of us could need blood tomorrow; the goal of the American Red Cross Blood Services is to have it available.

The processing fee charged for blood is the same for all users and is never increased by a non-replacement charge. This fee pays for collection, processing, distribution and storage of the blood. **All** blood collected by Red Cross is from volunteer donors.

The need now for a stable supply of blood in our hospitals and the need for constant recruitment to maintain that supply has not changed, except to increase due to the growing population, new surgical procedures, and increased treatment

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office secretary. The Commissioner suggested that perhaps our best solution would be a measured service, in which the base cost is lower and each call charged according to time and distance. There are forty some different phone companies in the State and it is going to take some time for each of them to get the necessary equipment installed. Each company will eventually be required to provide this type of service.

It will probably again be necessary to update our Lodge data in order to be prepared for the next Legislative session, if we are not successful in getting the Fraternity excluded in the new legislation. We would appreciate it very much if the Lodges would continue their splendid cooperation which we have enjoyed in the past.

Again, we want to thank our Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the District Deputies, the Worshipful Masters and their Lodge Representatives for their guidance and support during the past year.

Government and Legislative affairs Committee
William Blair #209
Robert McBee #350 & #156
William Grannell #48
Lyndell Newbry #23
Eldon Cone #166, Chairman

Report Accepted

## REPORT OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Most Worshipful Grand Master

I am pleased to be able to report that the Library and Museum have continued to be in use this year above the Grand Lodge office in Forest Grove. Although our facilities are not used by enough people, those that have used them usually go home with more information about our time honored fraternity.

This year we had a special request from the Washington County Historical Society to loan them items from our Museum pertaining to George Washington for a display they presented to the public. These items were seen not only by hundreds of people but a large article appeared in a local paper on that display.

Our library is used occasionally by members of the Fraternity, Home members and this year by a college Student researching our organization. As the museum is now sharing space with the Masonic Villa, Inc. Office both the museum and Library have been exposed to more visitors. Our facility is open during the business hours of the Grand Lodge office, and I would invite all members of the craft to come for a visit, or write for a book request, as we will be happy to mail books to lodge members.

We look forward to the completion of Masonic Villa Inc. and anticipate residents there as well as the Masonic and Eastern Star Home to use our facilities.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master for allowing us to serve you this past year.

Respectfully submitted
Museum and Library Committee
Tom Crosby — Chairman
Donn E. Remington

Report Accepted

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Again, we want to thank our Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and his staff on the Oregon Masonic News for their splendid support and cooperation during the past year.

Goverment and Legislative Affairs Committee
William Blair
Robert McBee
William Grannell
Dean Small
Eldon Cone, Chairman

Report Accepted

REPORT OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren

The Museum Committee met with our Grand Master, Herman C. Kuppler, in his office at the Grand Lodge, March 23, 1985.

After much discussion as to what could be done to make the Museum more attractive to the visiting Brethren, I offered to have new 3" x 5" identification cards made for each item. Cynthia Weight, a member of the Order of Eastern Star, offered to do them for me in simple Calligraphy.

The first group that I sent her were lost in the mail, so I sent her more copies. These have arrived and are now in place in the display cases.

Brother Robert Kendrick expressed his desire to be relieved of his duties as chairman of the committee, because he is out of town a considerable amount of time traveling with his wife, Virginia, who is Grand Conductress in the Eastern Star.

Without much discussion, I was appointed acting chairman. I had hoped that the Committee could show a little more progress before the Grand Lodge Session, but this did not materialize.

I hope that whoever takes over as chairman continues with the project that I started. I am offering to see that all of the identification cards are replaced with new ones.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, we thank you for this opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge.

Robert Kendrick
Roy Smith
Paul Thiess
Doug Morilon
Don Wiley, Chairman

Report Accepted

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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The Library and Museum Committee met somewhat infrequently this year. We did meet, however, to an extent that we were able to evaluate and recognize the work that we pass on to the next Committee. Recommendations follow at the end of this report.

We continued the cataloging and marking of Museum memorabilia. We placed book plates on new acquisitions. One article on "Masonic Treasures" was placed in the Oregon Masonic News.

The Masonic library of our deceased Brother Ernest J. Bolliger, P.G.M. was donated by his family. We also received a set of seven volumes of Mackey's History of Freemasonry from Brother Wilbur Watters. M.W.B. H. Wendell Patch contributed a number of books on the military history of the United States. Many other donations for the Library and Museum were received but space does not permit us to acknowledge them all here. We appreciated all the gifts and encourage contributions to our Museum and Library.

Your Committee sees the need for two or three Brothers who are devoted to the preservation and display of Masonic books and memorabilia and who have the time to contribute continuing effort to the Library and Museum. We wish that more people would use the Library and Museum, and we would like to remind everyone that books can be checked out and returned by mail.

We would like to thank Worshipful Brother Ernest J. Rubin who voluntarily joined our Committee in its work this year.

Your Library and Museum Committee recommends:

1. That all unbound Oregon Freemason magazines be bound into volumes as was done prior to 1970.
2. That the Masonic Service Association Short Talk Bulletins that are missing be acquired and that a complete set be maintained.
3. That the framed pictures of our Past Grand Masters which are now in storage in the Museum vault be removed from the frames, that a copy of the P.G.M.'s biography from the Grand Lodge Proceedings be attached to each picture and the pictures then be placed in the Museum letter file.
4. That the Lodges be made aware of the duplicate books in the Library which can be acquired for their own libraries.
5. That selected new Masonic books be purchased on a continuing basis.
6. That future Committees actively assist the Lodges in developing their own libraries and museums.
7. That future Committees evaluate the Masonic and Eastern Star Home library and recommend means of utilizing the Wilson Trust for MESH books.
8. That a budget be approved that will allow $250 to bind the loose Oregon Freemason magazines, that $100 be allowed to rebind the Masonic History of the Pacific Northwest, that $50 be allowed to rebind Light of the East, and that at least $150 be budgeted yearly to purchase new books.
9. That our books be cataloged on the computer.

Respectfully submitted,
F. McNeal Fahrion
Thomas A. Crosby
Herman C. Kuppler, Chairman

Report Accepted

The Grand Master at this time introduced W.B. Donn Remington who has been recovering from a stroke.

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Upon invitation, Most Worshipful Brother Patch, assisted by his officers performed the ceremony of laying the cornerstone in a very proficient and creditable manner. When Grand Master Patch applied the cement to the stone, he invited Imperial Potentate Bowers and Most Worshipful Brother Holmes to also apply cement which they did with pleasure. The Gold plated trowel used by Most Worshipful Brother Patch is in the Grand Lodge Museum for all to see.

With the Constituent Lodges resuming Labor in September, this proved to be a very busy month for the Grand Master. Besides the usual monthly meeting of the Home Board and Trustees, and holding nine District Meetings in various locations around the State, the Grand Master attended the St. Laurence Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, and attended a reception for the Worthy Grand Matron, Order of Eastern Star at Milwaukie.

September 15-17 he was a guest of the Grand Lodge of Idaho at their Annual Communication in Boise. Later in September he participated in the All-Masonic Parade in Roseburg, and was received by the Grand Commandry of Oregon in Portland. These events squeezed in between his nine District meetings left him little time for any R & R this month.

The Grand Master began October with attendance at the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Research Lodge of Oregon No. 198 on October 2nd. The principal speaker at the afternoon tyled meeting was Most Worshipful Brother Bruce Hunt, Past Grand Master of Missouri, who spoke on the topic "Harry S. Truman, Man and Mason." This proved to be an interesting topic as Brother Truman was a Past Grand Master of Missouri and President of the United States. Upon his death, Brother Truman was accorded a Masonic Funeral service in the Rotunda of the National Capitol.

At the evening banquet, Grand Master Patch addressed those present giving a short sketch of the History of Research Lodge and its work over the years in bringing Masonic education to the Lodges in the jurisdiction. At the program in the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Temple, principal speaker was Brother Alphonse Cerza, one of only two American full members of Quatuour Coronati Lodge of Research No. 2076 in London, England.

During October, Most Worshipful Brother Patch held three Dis-

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show respect and pride in the flag and country. In the Olympic Games held in Mexico City, we saw two athletes bow their heads and give the black power salute while the National Anthem was played and "Old Glory" being raised. In the same Olympics, we saw the heavyweight boxer parade around the boxing ring with a small flag after winning his bout. Much was said about both incidents by America as well as other countries. In the 1988 Olympics, we watched as the athletes representing the U.S.A. received the gold medals. Many of the athletes mouthed the Star Spangled Banner, while their eyes were closed and tears streamed down their cheeks, as the flag was slowly raised. How many of us watching had difficulty swallowing or had their heart beat faster.

In the March 27, 1989 issue of Time Magazine is an article in which an artist expressed astonishment at the mobs of outraged veterans and others protesting his artistic work displayed at the Art Institute of Chicago. It featured the American flag stretched out on the floor and until the exhibition was closed politicians, patriots, and just plain folks joined in protesting what they believed was a desecration of the flag. The flag code, in part, states that the flag should never touch the ground, floor, or any object below it. This code became a law of the land in 1942. Yet, this artist was allowed to break the law without any reprimand of any kind. Brethren, I urge you to speak up for the flag of our country when it is mistreated and maligned. Our country is in dire need of patriots who are proud of this country and willing to stand up for it.

Thank you.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Shane Elliott, Master Councilor of Abbotsford Chapter Order of DeMolay, presented the Grand Master with a flag of the province of British Columbia. The Grand Master thanked Shane, and told him it would be housed in the Grand Lodge Museum in Forest Grove.

The Grand Master remarked that to his knowledge this was the first time that an informal session was held at 8:00 a.m. He thanked all who attended, and dismissed the session at 9:45 a.m.

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Although the support for the work of the committee has been gratifying, we hope that more Oregon Masons will participate in both Torchlight and Grand Lodge programs and strongly urge Lodges to use the material from all of the workshops in programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Floyd Parker
Gordon Super
John Harvey
Bob Ervin
Rob Long
Ken Frack, Chairman

## LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The Library and Museum Committee this past year has been formed entirely from members of the Masonic & Eastern Star Home. With its close proximity to the Grand Lodge office, which is also the location of the library and museum, it would be so much easier for the members of the committee to spend the necessary time to maintain the library and museum.

In the last ten months, the committee has spent an aggregate of over 350 hours and we feel that this was still not enough to accomplish what we would have liked. We are happy to be able to report that a substantial amount of progress has been accomplished in this past year.

The first task accomplished was a complete inventory of the library. With this done, we were able to assess some of the more immediate needs; some of the sections needed rearranging; excess copies of some volumes were relegated to a "surplus" section which we hope can be sold to obtain funds for use in obtaining new volumes we need or should have. We now have a number of excellent Masonic volumes for sale that would enrich the library of any of our members who are interested in improving their knowledge in Masonry.

The museum is a treasure that still needs a lot of study to realize the full potential we have. Some progress has been made and plans are in progress to increase the exposure of this most interesting bit of history of our Order. Our hope is to be able to periodically change the

exhibits to increase visitation to the artifacts we have that illustrate our past.

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2. That the lodges be made aware of the duplicate books in the library which can be acquired for thier own libraries.
3. That selected new Masonic books be purchased on a continuing basis.
4. That certain books which are in a sad state of disrepair be refurbished.
5. That a budget be approved that will allow $250 to refurbish books needing it; that $75 be allowed to purchase missing editions of the Masonic Service Association Short Talk Bulletins to bring them up to date; that $150 be budgeted yearly to purchase new books.

We wish to thank our Grand Master for the opportunity of contributing to the enjoyment and education of our Masonic heritage.

Respectfully submitted,
Alfred R. Reynolds, Chairman

## LODGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Lodge Management Advisory Committee has not conducted any business since last Grand Lodge Session. I have not received one phone call from any other member on the Committee suggesting a meeting or a topic of consideration during this period. Since I was not afforded a directive or a goal to be accomplished, I did not call any meetings to order.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Peters, Chairman

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Brother Lindon Martin of Wasco Lodge gave an interesting history of the old Masonic cemetery, explaining that when it was acquired by the lodge it was in a rural area, but was now in the middle of a residential area. Problems with upkeep and vandalism made necessary the removal of the remains to a common site in The Dalles Cemetery.

On September 24 Grand Lodge was convened in the temple of Medford Lodge No. 103, Medford, for the purpose of dedicating the temple to the purposes and usages of Masonry.

Upon invitation by the President of the Temple Association and Medford Lodge, the Grand Master and his officers proceeded to dedicate the temple in time honored ceremonies. PGM Finlayson, Grand Historian, gave an interesting and informative talk including some historical references to the lodge.

On October 14 Grand Lodge was opened at Holbrook Lodge No. 30, Forest Grove, to dedicate the D. Rufus Cheney Library and the Roland E. Gleason Museum in the lodge building. The naming of the museum was a complete surprise to MWB Gleason.

Prior to the dedication ceremonies, histories were given of the three members of Holbrook Lodge who had been elected Grand Masters: Amory Holbrook, who was Grand Master when the lodge was chartered; D. Rufus Cheney, who served Holbrook Lodge as secretary until his election as Grand Secretary (he served as Grand Secretary from 1922 until 1946 and was elected Honorary Past Grand Master in 1938 in recognition of his service to the Craft); and Roland E. Gleason, who served as Grand Master 1976-1977.

An Occasional Communication was convened May 18 at Mt. Hood Masonic Temple to dedicate the new building to the purposes and usages of Masonry.

After formal opening the Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment to allow friends and relatives to witness the dedication ceremonies which were very well done by the Grand Master and his officers. MWB Alfred B. Holmes, Grand Orator, delivered an inspiring and appropriate address. He noted that Mt. Hood Lodge's former temple in north Portland had been burned out by arsonists and the new temple was obtained in southeast Portland. It might be said that the new temple rose from the ashes of the old temple, as Mt. Hood Lodge used the insurance settlement and sale of the property to purchase this church and remodel it to adapt it to Masonic uses.

On June 1, the Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in the Masonic Temple of Grants Pass Lodge No. 84 to rededicate the temple on the

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## LIBRARY and MUSEUM COMMITTEE

This was a better year for the Library and Museum Committee. We were able to complete the new display in the museum that was started last year. We invite your inspection.

The first order of business in the library was to perform an up-to-date inventory. This was necessary to have an accurate knowledge of the volumes on our shelves for the purpose of printing a new catalog. The last catalog was printed some twenty years ago, about the time the library was established so this project was long overdue.

We are now in the process of distributing a copy of this new catalog to each lodge in the state and hope to have the job completed by the time the current Grand Lodge Session is over. These catalogs are to be made available for the use of the membership. Any member wishing to purchase this catalog for himself may do so. The cost is a mere $2.50 when it is picked up at the Grand Lodge Office, or $3.50 postpaid.

We are already seeing the results of this new catalog and hope that more of the Brethren will use it to expand their knowledge in Masonry as well as other subjects.

We were also able to add a few new volumes to our library and it is hoped that we will be able to continue this project this coming year. We would also recommend that our membership in the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle be reestablished so that our volumes of the Annual Transactions of this prestigious organization be brought up-to-date. These volumes are an excellent source for research material and are in demand.

It has been a pleasure to work on this committee. It has been a real challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph C. King — Clifford O. Dewing
W. Kent Savage — Wendell Stalker
Thomas A. Crosby, Advisory Member
Alfred R. Reynolds, Chairman

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## INFORMATION and EDUCATION COMMITTEE

During this past year the Information and Education Committee continued with its efforts to update and improve the Torchlight Correspondence Courses Program.

The committee worked on updating the Standard Manual, part of Torchlight I, II, and III, and revised the answer sheet on Torchlight IV. We have sent out around 109 Torchlight I and about half as many Torchlight II, III and IV. We need to work to get a higher percentage of courses back.

My only recommendation is to keep this committee together, as we are coming together as a well balanced committee. It has been my pleasure to work with the members of this committee, and I would like to thank all of the members for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Giepel
Vic Tenison
Don Stroup
Tom Greer, Chairman
Ron Gamble
Thomas Barry Goringe
John Ridenour

## LIBRARY and MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The Grand Lodge Library and Museum Committee has made some progress this year. Several new books have been added to the shelves for the use of our Brethren and it is hoped that more members will soon find out what a wonderful resource for information that we have.

Every lodge now has a catalogue of the available books and they are all as available as your nearest telephone or mailbox. The only thing we ask is that the books are returned as soon as possible after use so that they may be available for the next person.

There are well over 2000 books in our Grand Lodge Library that provide a wealth of material for lodge programs, research or just sheer enjoyment. Admittedly, this is not a large library as libraries go, but it has a variety of information for the student who wants to gain more light in Masonry.

Our file of Quatuor Coronati Year Books is now complete and our membership reinstated in that organization so we will be able to stay current in future editions.

We are always on the lookout for new additions to our library and welcome donations of Masonic related books in particular. Since our shelf space is somewhat limited, please confine donations to this category.

Our Grand Lodge Museum has received a few new items and we are always looking for more Masonic related memorabilia.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph C. King — Clifford O. Dewing
W. Kent Savage — Wendell Stalker
Thomas A. Crosby, Advisory Member
Alfred R. Reynolds, Chairman

## LODGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY

No exact direction was given to this committee. One lodge contacted the chairman of this committee for information.

Thanks to those members of this committee who were in contact this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. "Dusty" Rhodes — Joseph P.C. Surace
Nels Edlund — Lloyd U. Fries
Leigh A. Hartley, Chairman

## LODGE PROGRAMS

The committee wishes to express its appreciation for the prompt and efficient manner in which the lodges have made requests for speakers during this past year. Due to the continuing increase in demand for programs, our schedule has become more demanding. However, through your cooperation we have been able to accommodate all of the requests that we have received, although on occasion it has been a tight squeeze.

To ensure that our programs fully meet the needs of the lodges during the year ahead, and that our speakers are available when requested, we wish to make a recommendation: When Senior Wardens start to make plans for their year as Master, please contact us then and arrange for the presentations you would like to have us make.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Murchison, PGM — Alfred B. Holmes, PGM
Horace Wendell Patch, PGM — Vern S. Wertz, SGD
Monroe B. Morton, PGM, Chairman

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their help and cooperation in furthering this work — that of completing the histories of the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters and recording in book form the past century and one-half of Masonry in this great and glorious state of Oregon.

The task at hand, though enormous, can be reduced to a multitude of accomplishable chores which will be assiduously pursued. Your help in the completion of this endeavor is vitally necessary and hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles A. Jacobi
Melvin R. Johnson
John A. Friedrichsen, Chairman
Thomas O.M. Jackson
Martin D. Nickelsen

## INFORMATION and EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This committee finished the revision of the Torchlight courses by reducing the number to two and returning to the original concept of requiring a diligent search of the literature to find an answer.

The committee made several appeals to those Brethren who had completed courses I and II but had not received their pin. They were asked to contact the committee and, as a result of this appeal, we mailed out nearly 50 pins.

The committee has made a commitment to return courses within 15 days after receiving them. This, with rare exception, has been done.

Special thanks go to Mrs. Bill (Patricia) Chappell, who formatted and typed the revised courses!

A special commendation to Brother James Borders who has gone above and beyond in receiving, filing and answering requests for Torchlight.

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Borders
Howard D. Kyle
Vern S. Wertz, Chairman
Edgar G. Cowley
Charles R. Svensen

## LIBRARY and MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Our Grand Lodge Library is continuing to purchase new books for the use of information-seeking Masons in Oregon. Now, if we could

just find some way of getting the Masons of Oregon to use these fine books, we could proclaim to the world that it is a success. Alas, most of our books are just gathering dust. However, we will continue to stock the shelves with exciting new books as they become available in the hope that one of these days they will be discovered.

We do wish to thank the members of Philalethes for the response to our appeal in the *Oregon Masonic News* for back issues of the *Philalethes Magazine*. However, we would still welcome further donations of these valuable magazines.

A beautiful glass display case became available to the museum and we are in the process of refurbishing it in preparation for a new display that should be completed some time this summer. We are always on the lookout for new/old items of interest that can be displayed in the museum to the Fraternity.

The most important message we have for our membership is that the Library and Museum is for your use and is available at all times that the Grand Lodge Office in Forest Grove is open. Those hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, except weekends and holidays. The library is also as close as your telephone: 503/ 357-3158, fax 503/ 357-1815.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph C. King — Clifford O. Dewing
Glenn O. Adams — Wendell Stalker
Alfred R. Reynolds, Chairman

## LODGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY

Our committee was to help lodges requesting management assistance. To date, only one lodge has requested help: Lincoln Lodge No. 124. A call was made to the Senior Warden offering assistance. I requested that the Senior Warden call me back and apparently he was of the impression that I would call him back. After some time, I again called and he informed me that his lodge had a new secretary and he was getting everything under control.

It should be noted that the purpose of this committee is to help lodges that are having management problems. We can only do that if a lodge contacts us.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. "Dusty" Rhodes — Nels Edlund
Vern S. Wertz — MW G. William Oldham, PGM
MW Lyle C. Logan, IPGM, Chairman

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## LIBRARY and MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The Library and Museum Committee is alive and well and wants you to know the library and museum are both there for your use and pleasure.

We have been rather busy rearranging some rooms and also processing some 700 books since our committee started in June of 1996. Almost 40 of the books are new to us, purchased from a company in New York.

Most all of the books we will use have a definite relationship to the Masonic Order.

A large part of the "new to us" books were received from Sunnyside Lodge in Portland and some very nice ones from an individual. We thank them for these books.

We have purchased two glass cases for use in the museum and are going to purchase some display tables for the museum vault.

We have stayed within our budget and hope that our actions meet with your approval.

We urge you to come and visit your library and museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Cooke — Alfred R. Reynolds, Advisory

Harry Wilcox, Chairman

## LODGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY

Your Lodge Management Committee was given the task by the Grand Master of preparing a program for the Grand Lodge of Oregon that would provide a vehicle capable of turning around our declining membership. The committee was told to leave no stones unturned, and that all ideas were acceptable for research and review. With this in mind, the committee moved ahead reviewing a number of membership ideas and programs. Early on it was obvious that the Friend to Friend Program was where we would concentrate our efforts.

It needs to be pointed out that without the information provided by Roger Rees, advisory member, and the input, dedication and leadership of our Grand Master, MWB Vern Wertz, this committee would have only been making recommendations. The committee thanks those who worked on the Friend to Friend video. The cast was: Brother and Mrs. Robert Scott, Brother and Mrs. Mark Allen, Brothers Gary Mier and Stuart Boos, cameraman Brother Don Stapleton, Mrs.

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The Senior Wardens' Charge has not been held as of this writing. It is scheduled for May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Preregistration has been good and we are anticipating a large turnout of Senior Wardens and their ladies. This is the longest of our Charges, and for the second year in a row has been held in the spring of the year. We hope this gives the Senior Wardens more time to plan their year in the East.

Special thanks must be given to the ladies in the Grand Secretary's Office who assist us in the organization and preparation for these charges. They play vital roles in the success of this program. Special thanks also to the ladies who assist at the Senior Wardens' Charge: Judy Smith, Kathy Martinez, Carol Livie, Mary Weaver and Chris Harvey.

The committee would also like to thank Brother Ivan Smith for all the assistance he has given with the arrangements through the years. Ivan can be counted on for all the special little things which help make the Charges in the Eugene area such a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyle C. Logan, P.G.M., Advisory — Vern Wertz, I.P.G.M., Advisory
Lawrence O. Weaver — John D. Livie
Robert S. Orr
R.W.B. Aaron W. Harvey, Chairman

## LIBRARY and MUSEUM COMMITTEE

My committee was largely a committee of one this past year. However, during my term of office we did acquire a large number of books for the library — in part due to some help from Albert Cooke, Home member. These books have been taken care of.

I was able to purchase a new table and two used cases for the museum. In addition, the vault and other rooms in the library are now well organized. I hope to your satisfaction.

I appreciated very much the help I received from Tom Crosby and the office personnel.

Fraternally,

Albert Cooke
Harry Wilcox, Chairman

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## GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

We have been fortunate this past year during the session of legislature that no one entered any bills that would affect our Fraternity directly. We again have been fortunate that we will not be taxed on our Lodge property.

There are other measures that will affect our members individually, but each will have to consider them prior to their going and marking their ballots.

Sincerely and fraternally,
S. Dean Small
Webber C. Harrington
Robert E. McBee, Chairman
Monroe B. "Jim" Morton, P.G.M.
Richard D. Tate

## GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT and HISTORY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

This past year has truly had some historic events. The most significant were the dedication of Jennings McCall II and the new Grand Lodge offices.

Unquestionably events fitting for the start of a new millenium of Masonry in Oregon. The new Grand Lodge office also contains three features that are especially relevant to our history: the library, museum and the climate controlled vault for the storage of historic items.

The new library and museum are both more accessible and are now presented as a prominent part of the offices. Our library and museum are both significant collections and deserving of their new prominence. The vault clearly demonstrates our dedication to the preservation of our past. We are very fortunate that our Grand Secretary had the foresight to make sure that these spaces were included in the design. We all owe him a thank-you for a job well done.

A resolution was passed last year that postponed the publication of the next edition of the history of the Grand Lodge until the 2002 Grand Lodge session. This extension is giving the History Committee the time it needs to do a worthwhile job. Our progress this past year has been slower than originally anticipated, however. This coming year the committee will be making an extra effort to ensure that the project remains on track. A lot of work remains, and it will still take considerable time to bring this book to fruition.

Last year a lodge history questionnaire was mailed to all the Lodges in our jurisdiction to help with the next edition of the History of the Grand Lodge. To date, 59 Lodges have responded to this mailing

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these past several years. Thank you, Larry, for a job well done.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage all lodges to support the Charges by encouraging their officers to attend them and to support them by placing line items in their budgets to assist with the payment of lodging and registration fees. If your lodge officers have not taken the Torchlight 2000 Correspondence Course, we ask that you persuade them to sign up for the course.

The committee would like to thank the staff of the Grand Secretary's office for all the support they have shown this past year. As always, they have responded to all our requests promptly and with a smile.

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Larry A. Ward
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We devised a book numbering system and proceeded to catalog books by author, subject and title into an Excel database. This existing database contains 2,500 books. Eventually, the database will serve an Access Window, which will allow all patrons to find books easily by using any keyword to search for author, title or subject.

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At this time, the middle of April 2001, museum displays are in their places with only 50 percent of these items identified. To identify the remaining items is the continuing task of this committee.

Future plans: Aside from the 2,500 books that are on our library shelves, we are left with approximately 1,200 books for disposition. These books will be sold and the money will be used for the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program.

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2000. After several Torchlight 2000 submissions were evaluated, it was determined that many of the questions were duplicates, and some were written to former references that have been rewritten and no longer applied, and there were no references for some questions.

Through the efforts of Brother Masons who were interested in upgrading an already fine product, W.B. Bill Probstfield, Vern Wertz and I submitted Torchlight 2001 to M.W.B. David R. Anderson, Grand Master.

Torchlight 2001 still offers a challenge to Brothers working the course. All the questions have references within the reference materials listed for the course. Positive comments are received with almost every submission.

Torchlight 2001 has been handed out at Grand Lodge functions that I have attended and copies mailed to requesting Brothers. I do request that Lodges copy the material for the Brothers taking the course, and encourage Lodges to make this a Lodge project.

Since Torchlight 2001 has come out, I have handed out over 100 copies of the course and the results are starting to trickle in. I am happy that the questions seem less confusing and the course is still challenging, fun and educational.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Ward, Torchlight coordinator

## LIBRARY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE

After the writing of last year's report, the Library Committee had approximately 1,200 books for disposition. These were books of no Masonic relevance, and were duplicates and triplicates of those books that had been cataloged into the Grand Lodge Library.

These 1,200 books were loaded onto a trailer, and a sales table was set up in the lobby at our 2001 Annual Communication. The sale of these books resulted in $1,100, and was given to the Grand Lodge to be used for the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program.

**Library:** 2,000 books have been cataloged into our Grand Lodge Library and an Access Program has been generated to provide control of the library books and reference material to all our members. Thanks go to R.W.B. Jim Shillingburg for his expertise in generating this program, and his guidance in getting the library and museum to its current state.

Some books will be allowed checkout, while others can be used only in the library. The library book shelves have been labeled with the

category and section. The category and section are also in the reference program, and will make locating books very easy. A map of section layout within the library will be added.

**Museum:** All items and artifacts have been cataloged in an Excel PC program. They have been cataloged by their cabinet display location and by their storage location. A user program will not be necessary for the museum. The Library Committee only will use the Museum Program.

Library Expenses were $120 for Shelf Section Tags.

Future plans are to transition the new Library and Museum Committee into ownership of the established processes. When the new committee takes over, the only requirements will be to maintain (i.e., to receive, catalog and/or dispose of books and articles donated to the Grand Lodge for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Ward — C.A. "Abe" Richard
Robert S. Orr — Donald "Del" Burk
James M. Shillingburg, Advisory
Charlie Kreider, Chairman

## LODGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY

Your Lodge Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) met five times during this year. Our major goals have remained the same: to provide the Lodges with the information and tools that would provide the Lodge and their leadership with a successful Friend-to-Friend Program.

The LMAC has provided Friend-to-Friend speakers to Lodges, Appendant Bodies, the Charges, Area Meetings, Grand Lodge Officer's orientation, District Deputy orientation, and training on request.

Grand Master David R. Anderson instructed his District Deputies to complete a survey with each of the Lodges. The LMAC was tasked to prepare a spreadsheet showing the results of the survey, which was completed and turned over to the Grand Master in February.

Respectively submitted,

Warren R. Gray — Tomey Greer
William Martin — Charles V. Tenison
Lawrence O. Weaver, Chairman

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The Dispensations and Charters Committee reported two requests for charters, one from Colloseum Lodge No. 608 located in Rome, Italy, and one from John McClellam Lodge No. 780, located in San Lito, Italy. Because two Grand Lodges were in existence in Italy, and the Grand Lodge of Oregon recognized neither, the committee recommended that the two requests for charters be denied.

The Educational Assistance Committee provided assistance for 22 K-12 children and 16 post-high school students. A total of $73,097.50 was disbursed. The increase from previous years occurred because families seeking assistance could declare Masonic grandfathers. A new grading system was found to be fair and accurate for determining eligibility.

The Governmental and Legislative Affairs Committee expressed concern about House Bill 2710, which had, as its purpose, the taxing of charitable, religious, educational and fraternal entities.

The Grand Historian and History Committee were in the process of compiling a new history to be ready for the 150th Annual Communication. One of the concerns expressed in the report was the mishandling or disposal of merged lodge reports. The report urged lodges to appoint a historian or committee and to document lodge history through oral interview of older members. Interest in the histories of Masonic cemeteries was also evidenced.

The Grand Historian chaired the Library and Museum Committee. He recommended that the existing committee be divided into two committees, a Library Committee and a Museum Committee. Much work remained to be done in cataloging and classifying the materials. The Grand Historian also stated his concern that the location of the library in Forest Grove made it difficult for the materials to be used.

The Lodge Management Advisory Committee combined Volumes 1 and 2 or the Standard Manual of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon into one volume. The committee also revised the work, removing unnecessary repetition and instructions.

The Lodge Safety and Appearance Committee presented a Code change to the membership allowing the Grand Lodge Trustees to loan money to lodges. The committee also revised a safety report that was to be sent to all the lodges.

The Masonic Family Campground and Meeting Facility Committee were given the opportunity to purchase 394 acres southwest of McMinnville. Since this was the first year of operation for the committee, it was still in the process of determining the guidelines for determining suitability of any property for use and felt that any considera-

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Masonic year. Very special thanks go to Jeanne Levy and Shirley Anderson for the help they gave the chairman in support of the Charges.

Respectfully submitted,
Art Bush — Dennis D. Johnson
William A. Martin — Robert M. Richmond
Gib Thonstad
Vern S. Wertz, P.G.M., & Aaron W. Harvey, P.G.M., Advisory Members
Gareth J. Duggan, P.G.M., Chairman

## LIBRARY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Many thanks are due to the committees of previous years for their hard work in bringing the library and the museum to their current conditions. Both have been able to receive additions with relative ease, and both are now ready to accommodate visitors. The library and museum collectively received a donation of a newer computer and larger monitor, as well as a pool table, sets of pool balls and cues.

**Museum:** The museum has received the lion's share of committee time this year. The museum received the chest used to bring the first Masonic Lodge Charter to Oregon, on short-term loan from Multnomah Lodge No. 1, along with complementary items. These were included with a number of other important historical items from the existing collection in an exhibit that was displayed at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, during October 2002, which was Oregon Month at the memorial.

It is becoming apparent that the items displayed at the museum will have to be either limited or rotated, as we do not currently have adequate display facilities in which to showcase our entire collection at one time.

A cataloging system has been developed for museum items to make them easier to find, identify and group for two reasons: first, to make it easier to rotate items through the museum and to facilitate inventory; and secondly, to improve the museum's suitability for incorporation into a photograph inclusive Access database currently under development, which might be made available through the Internet some time in the next year.

**Museum related expenses** for this year were $1,195.28 – $11.55 in labels and tags, $64.73 in materials to build a crate adequate to ship the museum exhibit to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and $1,119 to have the items that were sent appraised for freight insur-

ance valuation.

**Library:** The library received approximately 50 books within the last eight months. The library has reached a point where a large sell-off of excess books no longer seems necessary. Some volumes remain in storage though, and will either find homes on the library shelves at the Grand Lodge, on the shelves of libraries at other Masonic buildings, or will be available for sale at the Grand Lodge library.

The library database is being updated on a consistent basis, and should be available for visitor use shortly after the 153rd Annual Communication. Unfortunately our limited space allows for only one copy of each volume, and we are consequently unable to make any books available for checkout.

**Library related expenses** for this year were $70, and consisted of dues to the Q.C.C.C. Lodge No. 2076 of the United Grand Lodge of England for their annually published book of research. Our dues had been overlooked, and this payment covered dues for the years of 2000 and 2001.

The library and museum continue to grow in its utility to the members of the Grand Lodge. Possible improvements for following years might include extended hours of operation, inter-library loan, development of a Friend of the Library and Museum group, and making the museum and library databases available on-line.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald "Del" Burk Robert T. Reed
Samuel T. Stem
James M. Shillingburg, Advisory
Ian G. Erickson, Chairman

## LODGE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Although we have had fewer requests this year for speakers, the committee still had its share of commitments.

Then, too, it may indicate the lodges enjoy the fellowship of their own members in contrast to having a special program.

Whatever the reason for the decline, the committee is always available to provide speakers for lodges at their Stated Meetings or other functions to enhance their program. The Lodge Programs Committee was readily publicized this year as much as in previous years.

In order to ensure that our programs fully meet the needs of the lodges during the year ahead, and that our speakers are available when asked,

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We can only hope that the coming year will be better than the past year. Investor sentiment has improved a little, and the war with Iraq, at the time of the writing of this report, seems to be going well.

The Finance Committee greatly appreciates the participation and support given by the Trustees on several occasions when we have met in either Portland or Forest Grove.

Fraternally submitted,
Webber C. Harrington
Gary R. Carl
James R. Belshe, P.G.M., Chairman
Gerald A. Frazier
Bruce A. Kent

## GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT and HISTORY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

This Masonic year marks the first time in which Oregon Grand Lodge was opened for an Occasional Grand Lodge outside of the Oregon Territory (the state of Oregon or Washington) since the Oregon Grand Lodge was formed in 1851. Grand Master Lawrence O. Weaver and a contingent of 28 Oregon Brothers and ladies, including Past Grand Master Aaron W. Harvey, a member of the memorial board of directors, visited our George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

October 2002 was the Grand Lodge of Oregon Month at the memorial, and our representatives brought an exhibit for display for that month from our Grand Lodge Museum in Forest Grove, which included the original trunk that carried the first charter to Multnomah Lodge No. 84, the first Masonic Lodge chartered in Oregon.

This trunk has been preserved and displayed by Multnomah Lodge No. 1 in Oregon City, and was loaned for the exhibit at the memorial.

Two other historic events occurred in October:

A contingent of Washington Grand Lodge members accompanied the Grand Master of Washington to Willamette Lodge No. 2 in Portland, where Lodge was opened and Brothers hears a talk about Territorial Grand Lodge history by Grand Historian Larry Ward. This was followed by talks about Washington Grand Lodge history by the Grand Master of Washington.

Many Brothers accompanied Grand Master Lawrence O. Weaver to Olympia, Washington, the following day, to visit Olympia Lodge No. 1 and helped celebrate the Grand Lodge of Washington's 150th anniversary.

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## LIBRARY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Over the past year the Library and Museum Committee has received, cataloged and made available for display several donations of books, memorabilia, paraphernalia, and other items of interest. Our heartfelt thanks go to those generous Brothers, their lodges and families who have made these valuable contributions. It is our sincere hope that these contributions will continue until we are happily forced to rotate the items in our museum displays in order to give all these wonderful treasures ample viewing time throughout each year.

Several Brethren have inquired about the possibility of checking out books and other materials from the library. Though we have received many donations of books, we must continue to operate the library strictly as a reading room, because in most cases we have only one copy of each book and previous attempts to operate as a lending library have not proved to be successful. There is also some question as to whether we have adequate space to keep enough books to someday become a lending library again.

Recommendations for next year's committee include the following:

1. Continue membership of affiliation with ARS Quator Coronati Lodge No. 2076 of the United Grand Lodge of England and continue to receive the annual publications of this Lodge of Research.

2. Finish and implement relational database of Library and Museum Inventory and provide usage instructions to Grand Lodge staff for interested parties. Discuss making this database searchable through the Grand Lodge website.

3. Join the Masonic Library and Museum Association (MLMA) and send a representative, at his own non-reimbursable expense, to the annual meeting of this body and implement any standard practices in use or recommended by them as appropriate.

4. Discover, develop and implement ways to return increased value to the Craft from their Library and Museum.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you. We will always welcome questions about our performance and ideas for how we might be of increased service to the Fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry B. Muceus
Samuel T. Stem
Ian G. Erickson, Chairman
Donald "Del" Burk
Robert T. Reed

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ers were able to complete the program.

Starting in 2010, the Torchlight form has been downloadable in PDF format and responses can be typed in directly into the form. This improved process has eased completion, submission and grading of the exam. Thanks again to Dick Unruh for his continuous and constructive efforts on the Torchlight Program.

Fraternally,

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| Robert L. Fountain | Cary R. Pugh | Donald F. Stapleton |
| Brian W. Lackey | Richard L. Schoonover | Dick A. Unruh |
| Vern Wertz, P.G.M. | Dennis D. Johnson, P.G.M., Advisory | |

David H. Fryday, Chairman

## LIBRARY and MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Brethren,

The one word that best summarizes the work accomplished in the Oregon Grand Lodge Library and Museum this year is "organizing." A large number of donated books, journals, proceedings, and Masonic artifacts have been accumulating over the past few years, and much of our recent efforts have been in organizing this backlog.

Major accomplishments include:

Sorting and ordering the current book stacks — a collection of recent soft-bound Grand Lodge Proceedings from various jurisdictions, both here in the U.S. and around the world, have been sorted and placed on the shelves. Older copies from a few years back have been removed and recycled. More and more Grand Lodges are sending CDs instead of paper proceedings; these have also been sorted and placed in a bin for easy access.

A large collection of hard-bound Oregon Grand Lodge Proceedings have been cleaned and placed in storage.

Before attempting to sort and shelf the many newly donated books, we have been working through a number of preliminaries. These include: organizing the electronic database cataloging the existing book collection and reviewing alternative book cataloging systems. The current system was designed by the founders of the library, and while it has served the library well, it does have a few shortcomings. One alternative under consideration is the Boyden System, a system developed by William Boyden in the early 1900s specifically for Masonic libraries.

Reviewing alternative methods for labeling books with their catalog number. Most of the original collection has been labeled using white-out

ink. A later effort to use paper labels was less than successful, as many of the labels are peeling off the books.

Since much of the work done so far this year has been preliminary organization, there are several tasks yet to do before we're caught up with the backlog:

Cataloging and shelving donated books; evaluation of various donated artifacts to determine what should be displayed in the museum and what should be archived; reestablishing Masonic Library memberships. There are two organizations that would be beneficial for us to be a part of. MLMA, The Masonic Library and Museum Association, is a fairly new organization founded in 1995 by a group of Masonic librarians and museum directors to share common experiences, interests, and ideas.

QCCC, Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle, is a company formed by Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 of the United Grand Lodge of England. We were a member until 2001, and our library hosts a nearly complete set of their outstanding journal of Masonic history and research, dating back to the 1880s.

I would like to thank the following individuals for their support over the past year: fellow members of the Library/Museum Committee, R.W.B. Hunt Compton, R.W.B. Fred Schwartz and Jerry Muceus. I know I haven't really made much use of your talents yet, but I expect that will change in the upcoming year! Also Past Chair Ian Erickson, for helping me get up to speed on my duties.

And Grand Secretary R.W.B. Paul Temple, for moral support, answering questions, and letting me into the building on those Saturday mornings when I sneaked in on the coattails of the Trustees during their monthly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred M. Schwartz
Hunt M. Compton, Advisory
William K. Erickson, Chairman

Jerry B. Muceus

## LODGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY

Section 146B of the Code describes the duties of this committee as insuring effective leadership, improving knowledge and interest of the members, insuring financial integrity of the Lodge, and enhancing community relations and the public image of Masonry. Lofty goals, indeed. However, we did our best to help Lodges that requested our assistance. Early in the Grand Lodge year we posted an article in the Oregon Ma-